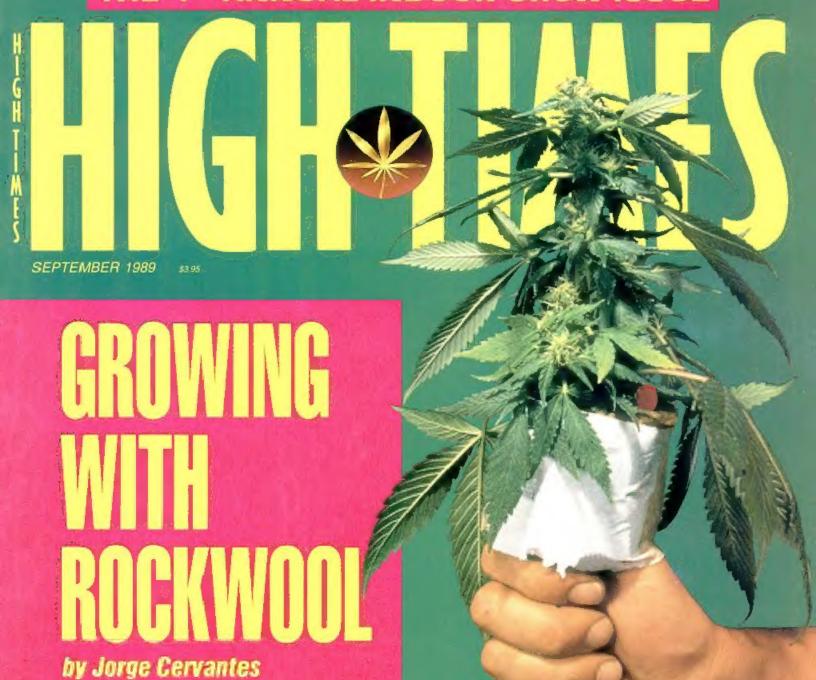
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I get a lot of letters from readers asking about the annual Cannabis Cup Awards, most of whom want to know how they can go about becoming a judge. I guess they don't realize how much work is involved.

First of all, most of the judges get a roundtrip ticket to Holland, one of the few countries where pot is legal--or at least officially tolerated. As soon as they arrive--jetlagged and exhausted--they are handed about 20 different samples of the finest cannabis tops grown in Holland during the previous year, which means that in order to determine a winner, they have to smoke enormous amounts of free pot during the next six days.

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But what about the average pothead? How can he or she be a judge? Well, next year we're going to make that possible. All you have to do is join the Freedom Fighters (see ad on page 71), support the cannabis protest movement, and you'll be eligible to join Gilbert at next year's contest. You see, the Freedom Fighters get decorations for every rally they attend, and the most decorated member gets a free trip to the Cannabis Cup.

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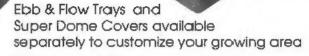
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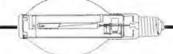
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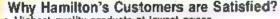












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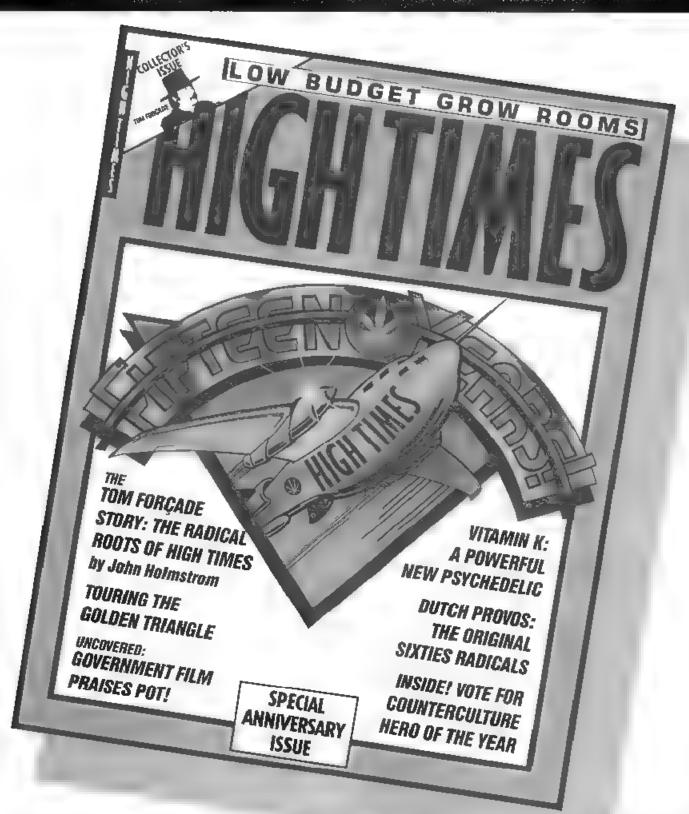
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--The Colorado Budmaster Grower of Killer Closet Clones Colorado Springs, CO

GET UP, STAND UP

I'm very glad to see your rag becoming more political with every issue. I feel this is so necessary, given the insanity of today's society. We need to get the apathetic stoners off their asses--or at least wake them up

--Reisha San Jose, CA

NO JUSTICE

Although I've read many horror stories in HIGH TIMES on sentences received by marijuana users, I never thought it would happen to me. But it did. I am now serving a 20-year sentence for the alleged crime of selling two ounces to a man who was my friend for 20 years. This was my first offense of any kind. The same judge who gave me. 20 years, awarded a six-month sentence to a man who sold cocaine to an undercover cop. What kind of justice is this? This is Virginia justice.

--T.S C New Castle, VA

DON'T LEGALIZE??!

As the popularity of marijuana grows in America, so does the question of legalization. However, marijuana, no matter how popular, should not be legalized. First of all, marijuana can



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lead to serious health problems. It causes birth defects, and creates psychological problems. If marijuana was legalized, the country would experience a major increase in the number of users. Improvements could be made in the current system before we legalize another vice.

--M B Carbondale, IL

There is no evidence to support any of your claims. There have been two long-term studies on the effect of cannabls on health, one in Jamaica and one in Costa Rica. I suggest you read them. Not only did habitual users show no ill effects from cannabis, they tended to live longer than their non-potsmoking neighbors. On the other hand, the medical benefits of cannabis are well documented: One Florida woman recently went to court to obtain the legal right to grow her own cannabis for glaucoma. She won. After cannabis was made legal in Holland in the '60s, use (especially among teenagers) dropped dramatically, proving that drug abuse will decline once it has been severed from the illegal "outlaw thrill" factor. Several Presidential Commissions (including one appointed by Richard Nixon) have investigated the marijuana "problem," and concluded the substance is less toxic (and less dangerous) than either alcohol or tobacco. Cannabis has been ingested by humans since the dawn of recorded history. In that time, there has never been a single death due to an overdose of marijuana. However, cannabis should not be made legal for any of the above reasons, but simply because it is our best source of food, fuel, and fiber. Because it is the fastest growing biomass, cannabis (also known as hemp or marijuana) may hold the key to reversing the Greenhouse Effect. How's that for irony? Now, if we could only get numbskulls like you to stop believing the reefer madness tales circulated by the government, perhaps we could save our ailing planet.

NO MORE FUN?!

I am extremely distressed concerning the review of the video game "Nark" last month. The game stresses the negative image of drug dealers, an image I thought we were trying to combat. I have been a HIGH TIMES reader since the '70s I am a woman. I have been frequently insulted by the attitude taken against females in your pages, even though that attitude has improved as of late. The women you choose to portray are usually emptyheaded sluts who dance on tables. Also, who gives a shit about your HIGH TIMES invitation-only parties? None of us loyal readers are ever invited. Nobody wants to see pictures of a party they weren't invited to

--Mother Bud Paterson, NJ

Hey mom, lighten up will ya? There's nothing intrinsically wrong with dancing on tables. Sometimes it can even be good for the soul. Why is it every time we try and have a little fun, we get a crackdown from the hippie mind police? As far as our parties go, most of them take place at pot rallies, and everyone is invited. If you want to get in on the more exclusive events, all you have to do is join the Freedom Fighters (see ad on page 71).

DOCTOR BUD

I'm a 23-year-old physician's assistant. This is only my first year in the medical field and I've landed one heck of a job I dispense medicine and I'm making \$35 000 a year The doctor that I work for came up to me last week and requested a urine sample. He said we were missing 1,000 Diazepam My test came back from the lab positive for marijuana. When the doc confronted me. I was shocked when he said as long as it didn't interfere with my work, everything was fine. He then pulled out a sack of the finest red bud I've ever toked He's 58 years old and has smoked for over 30 years

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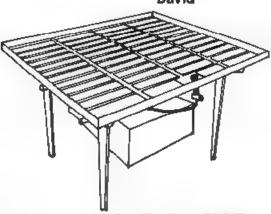
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--Ed Hassle HIGH TIMES January 1989



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HIGHWITNESS NEWS



Jack Herer addresses the crowd, most of whom stayed through several outbursts of rain.

RAIN FALLS ON 20th ANNUAL D.C. SMOKE-IN

by Ed Hassie

The Freedom Fighters made a journey into the belly of the beast when they came to Washington, D.C., for the 20th Annual July 4th Smoke-in and NORML benefit concert The weather forecast called for heavy rains all day, so no one expected a big turnout. At times it seemed doubtful if the rally and concert would ever take place

However, around noon the skies cleared briefly and the Freedom Fighters assembled in front of their motel for the ride to Lafayette Park, directly across the street from the White House The protest march was led by Chef Ra and Dreddy Duck, the new HIGH TIMES mascot. After arriving in

the park, the Soul Assassins, the official HIGH TIMES house band, performed pot protest song "Don't Tread On Me" in front of 300 hardcore supporters. Chef Ra, Ed Rosenthal, Dana Beal, Jon Gettman and Steve DeAngelo followed, giving speeches. The protesters then proceeded on to the concert site near the Lincoln Memorial

"The march started with 300 people," says DeAngelo, the event's promoter, "but before long another thousand joined us." The crowd chanted slogans like "Safe Drugs Now!" and "More Pot, Less Crack!"

Despite being buffeted by periodic rains around 3,000 people remained at the concert site to hear headline act, the Butthole Surfers. Unfortunately, the sound system

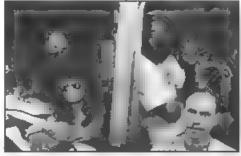
never seemed to work properly, and the B Surfers were none too thrilled with the sound quality. The Soul Assassins had been scheduled to open the event, but lost their time slot due to rain and were allowed only two brief songs without a sound check before being given the bum's rush off the stage by the affair's promoters.

The police maintained a large presence around the concert, frequently making forays into the crowd to make arrests. In fact, they were so hostile at times that it almost seemed as though they were trying to provoke the relatively quiet, non-violent assem-

I think we pulled off the show despite continued on page 29



The Freedom Fighters congregate in front of their motel before marching to the rally.



Clockwise from top left: Kimona 117, Chef Ra, Ed Rosenthal, and Allegra Black Orchid.



The Soul Assassins perform an impromptu gig at Lafayette Park.

STEAL THIS TRIBUTE



Abbie Hoffman's ex, Anita, speaking at New York's Palladium: "Abbie's gone, but you're not. Let's take the '90s."

by Steve Bloom

In death, there was life Abbie Hoffman, "our Holy Ghost of the Left," as Norman Mailer put it, orchestrated his last media event at New York's Pailadium on June 17 Four thousand people gladly paid \$10 to be part of a four hour mixed-media celebration of Hoffman's life, called "No Regrets" Does anyone honestly believe that such a large crowd would have showed up for an Abbie-event in 1989 if he was still abve?

I expected a meager turnout, but at 1 p.m. on that sunny Saturday afternoon I came upon a long line winding out of the theater down 14th Street and around the corner of Fourth Avenue They weren't there to buy Who tickets. Even Hoffman's oldest son, Andrew, was surprised "I knew my father was famous," he said before the program began,"but I had no idea how famous

Andrew and younger brother america disagreed on the cause of their father's death I knew it was suicide the minute I heard about it," said america, who flew in from Los Angeles. "He was really depressed" america added that Abbie really wanted to be assassinated. Andrew still questioned the Bucks County coroner's finding and said that an official report had yet to be written. Why would my dad take 200 phenobarbi-

tals when 12 would have been enough?" he asked

The program conceived and developed by Johanna Lawrenson, Paul McIsaac and Ed Sanders--was upbeat and optimistic. Time and again speakers urged the audience to pick up where Hoffman left off Banners to the left and right of the stage proclaimed ABBIE'S SPIRIT LIVES and INTO THE

An all-star cast of '60s luminaries told one yarn after another about their dear, departed Abbie. His ex-wife Anita recalled their Central Park wedding and how they married again in temple "for our parents." Several accounts of Abbie's theatrics were

offered, such as when he wore the American flag at the House hearings on Un-American Activities "I regret that I have but one shirt to gave to my country," Abbie smirked. At the Chicago conspiracy trial, Abbie and Jerry Rubin appeared one day in judges robes. When they were forced to remove the robes, Abbie revealed a Chicago cop's uniform he was wearing underneath. It was hard keeping up with Abbie," said Rubin, who was booed at first their cheered after his short

William Kunstler reminisced about the time they requested that people send hair to the Chicago courtroom for Judge Julius Hoffman, who was balding, and Rubin, who d had his head shaved in prison "Every day envelopes of hair came in," Kunstler said. "One was full of a green substance that had a pleasant aroma. We hid it in the court room, but Abbie told me I had to get rid of st, so I introduced a marijuana motion. The Judge said that I was a resourceful lawyer and I would know how to dispose of it. I said, 'It will be burnt tonight' -- and it was'

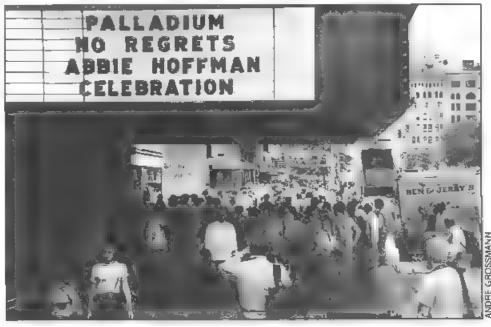
Hilarity was provided by Wavy Gravy, who delivered a song with the lyrics, "We are all chimbing Harpo's ladder/Soldier, do you love my cream pies?" Brown paper bags were distributed and, at Wavy's insistence, everyone put them over their heads and per formed the "funnymantra." A brief period of bag popping and throwing ensued.

But ultimately it was an emotional day for Hoffman's family and many friends--Mailer, Allen Ginsberg, Daniel Ellsberg, Ramsey Clark, Sydney Schanberg, Pau-Krassner, Lee Weiner, Bobby Seale, Amira Baraka, the Fugs, David Amram, Peter Yarrow, John Hammond, Jr and Buster Poindexter and his Banshees of Blue, to name a few--who came from all over the country to remember him in speeches and songs. Abbie's girlfriend Johanna Lawren-son wondered, "Who's gonna cook for me now?" Her voice breaking, Lawrenson pronounced that "this might be our last party to-

Enormous Max Headroom-style banks of television screens showed numerous claps from Abbie's life, including the Barbara Walters report on his return from the under ground in 1980. But the last clip, of Abbie walking away from the camera down a country road in Pennsylvania, was the saddest and most jarring. He was gone and not even a seance of this proportion could bring

Two of the last speakers gave the day a final lift. Chinese activist Per Minxin told how students there ask all the time "Who was this Abbie Hoffman?" And Andrew Hoffman ended the event with a call to action. He announced his newly-formed group. AHA (Abbie Hoffman Activists), would be meeting at The Channel in Boston on August 24. Call 617-451 1050. In addition, the Abbie Hoffman Activist Foundation, which presented "No Regrets," asked that tax-deductible donations be mailed to 1501 Broadway, Suite 1310, NY, NY 10036,

Indeed in death, there is life .



ONBOMAN'S DOPE

THE INVISIBLE LINE

by Maia Szalavitz

His eyes are vacant, his posture twisted. His greyish green skin color identifies him as sick. He sits on the stoop of a graffitted brownstone amid broken glass, scattered crack vials and syringes. He's an addict. A loud street noise startles him. His eyes make contact with a passerby. They're like black holes, sending out disturbing, conflicted messages of fear, anger and despair. The passerby fooks away and moves quickly down the block.

What drug did this to him? Those who have had success in treating addicts say it doesn't matter. He has crossed what people in the business of treating addiction call "the invisible line"—the border which divides those who can use mind and mood altering drugs safely and those who cannot.

Take another look at the addict on the stoop. His dilated pupils indicate the beginnings of heroin withdrawal or the actual high of crack. Both are dangerous states during which addicts commit acts of violence. When people are high on opiates (and not in withdrawal), they tend to "nod out" into a dreamy, quiet state that lasts 4-6 hours, as long as they have their drug, they're harmless.

On the other hand, cocaine addicts are dangerous whether they are high--which lasts, at most, 20 minutes per dose--or craving the drug. The coke crash is more extreme than the heroin crash. Junkies usually sleep and are unaware of the crash, while coke addicts can't sleep, often becoming depressed and experiencing manic paranoia. These effects are even more pronounced when the extremely impure freebase, crack, is the form of coke being abused.

Crack's the worst Sax's Joe L. a former coke dealer. "The cocaine used to make it is the lowest quality, and the chemicals used to produce it often remain in the crack. Smoking those chemicals alone is bound to make you crazy, but in combination with freebase cocaine, it's sick. Guaranteed psychosis."

This explains why so much violence is associated with crack. One addict, Roger J, described the high and the ensuing comedown. I felt invincible really fast. It made me wild. I just had to keep that high going I was definitely insane. Coming down was a new experience in pain. I tried to sleep, but couldn't. My body was shaking, weak, drained of energy and rational thought. I was completely null and void-zero. It was like I was on top of the Empire State Building going down in an elevator without brakes."

What can be done to treat this fearsome addiction? First, we have to examine what's been done to treat other addictions. For

Dean Latimer, the regular ONE MAN'S DOPE columnist, has gone incommunicado. If anyone knows his whereabouts, please contact HIGH TIMES.

much of the history of substance-abuse treatment, addiction has been viewed as the inability to control the use of a specific substance—heroin, coke or alcohol. Whole methodologies of treatment have long been based on this mistaken assumption. Methadone, for example, is substituted for heroin with the idea that heroin addicts have a problem solely with that substance, not with their way of dealing with life in general. This narrow approach has prevented many addicts from getting the kind of help they really need.

While cocaine brings you 'up" and heroin brings you 'down," both take you 'out," to the psychological escape routes all addicts seek So, of course, does alcohol Researchers have found a chemical produced in the brains of alcoholics, and not normal drinkers, which is also produced in heroin. addicts. This chemical, THIQ, never metabolizes and stays in the brain forever. THIQ is an extremely addictive painkiller that causes rats, which normally would rather starve than drink alcohol, to prefer booze to water. (For more information, see THIQ Is Alcoholism Clinical & Experimental Research, Grove & Stratton, NY, 1983) One can begin to see here an actual physiological. basis for the disease of addiction,

Addiction treatment in this country has overlooked these facts for years. Methadone maintenance is the classic example, and is especially important to examine in light of recent calls by public officials to produce a methadone "clone" as a treatment for crack addition.

Supposedly, methadone blocks the physical craving for opiates without producing the high. But, in reality, as a synthetic opiate, it generates classic opiate activity-painkilling, mild cuphoria in the brain Methadone blocks heroin the way vodka blocks gin. If you're too drunk to get any more drunk, it doesn't matter how much more you drink--you just won't feel it Methadone proponents may say otherwise, but this is how methadone really works

Other drugs, such as naltrexone and nalozone, do block opiates. However, no junkie would willingly line up at a clinic at 6 a.m to take them, nor would anyone resell them on the street- as is commonly done with methadone--for one simple reason; they don't get you high. Even worse for the junkie, they produce withdrawal symptoms

Withdrawal from methadone is also more severe than from heroin. Treatment centers are rife with stories about people who were kept awake a month kicking methadone (Insomnia usually lasts a week when kicking heroin.) Says one counselor, Mary C., herself a former addict, "It would be better to maintain them on heroin."

New York Newsday recently ran a fourpart series on methadone treatment in New York. It reported that more than 60 percent of patients on methadone take illegal drugs-



Drunk on methadone: It blocks heroin like vodka blocks gin.

usually crack or intravenous cocaine. Joe L told HIGH TIMES about his experience at a methadone clinic. All methadone did for me was increase my cocaine use," he said "I never had a clean urine the whole time I was on the stuff--and those who did were usually faking it. I saw people use their children's urine even sell their children's urine. And the counseling was a joke, I can't think of one person there who wasn't using something else--alcohol drugs or whatever"

Despite these claims, methadone maintenance continues to be funded. Why? Why else? Money Methadone makes militions of dollars for those who run the clinics, which are little more than drug dealerships. According to Newsday, even though some. New York clinics have not been inspected in years, fine the barest minimum of personnel and are almost always severely neglected they're still allowed to stay in business. Newsday's investigation also revealed that a flourishing black market for methadone exists outside the clinics.

Nevertheless, New York recently expanded methadone treatment as an attempt to half the spread of AIDS. But since most people who shoot heroin also shoot coke, this idea is ludicrous. Now, even more methadone will be sold, at the expense of cutting what's left of the clinic's bare-bones counseling staffs. As it is, there's no instruction in living sober," says Mary C. No career counseling. Nothing.

At the clinics, addicts are told that they must resign themselves to lives of waiting in line for their cups of methadone. In fact, they are discouraged from trying to get off drugs, told that escaping the claws of methadone will only lead them back to the uron grasp of street drugs. Methadone has become an end--make that, a dead end--in itelf.

Next month. Is there a cure for crack?

SENDERO BLINDSIDES DEA

by Rob Hambrecht

At first hearing, the Drug Enforcement Administration's projected goal of clearing 66,000 acres of coca plants in Peru's Upper Huallaga region sounds like a Mission Impossible storyline. Considering that two years ago, eradication workers netted only 380 acres of plants, it appeared as if the DEA was trying to bite off more leaf than it

could chew.

Actually, last year the DEA, with the help of the Peruvian police, succeeded in destroying 37,000 plants. Machetes were replaced as the tool of destruction in favor of gaspowered pruning saws, supplied by the US When 400 workers began buzzsawing plants in February, the Shining Path guerillas who control much of the Valley began an offen sive, which haited the project. In June, the DEA began occupying a base located in the heart of the Huallaga. From there the eradi cation program will resume.

National Public Radio's Richard Gonzales and Maria Hinosa visited the Valley in April for a report that aired in June Gonzales told HIGH TIMES about their brave tour of journalistic duty. "About two hours drive into the Upper Huallaga the road had been dynamited every 10 feet," he said. In some places the Shining Path had exploded

hammer and sickles into the road

The NPR team wanted to meet with guerillas in the mountains, but were per-suaded not to take the risk Instead they in terviewed guerillas in Lima's Canto Grande prison "For the most part," Gonzales explained, "they were young educated and extremely fanatical. They told us the usual rhetoric about their long term goals to take over and restructure the government of Peш

The Peruvian police assigned to the eradication program are reluctant to fight Sendero Luminoso (Shining Path in Span-ish) on their home turf. Although not universally supported, Sendero is accepted in the countryside as a lesser of two evils. Not so in Lima, where "people think anyone from the Upper Huallaga is a drug dealer," Gonzales reported, "much in the same way New Yorkers think all Californians are surfers. To Limans, the Upper Huallaga might as well be Mars." The Huallaga is located approximately 200 miles northeast of Lima, in the Andes Mountains. It produces 60 percent of the world's coca leaf The Shining Path was charged with the assassinations of two Peruvian legislators in May. Later that month a DEA plane crashed in the Upper Huallaga, killing all nine on board. Sabotage was ruled out

"In the Upper Huallaga, Sendero is the government," Gonzales said "Business often makes deals with the government There, the local coke traders want to pay as little for the cocame as possible and Sendero wants the highest price he can get. They need each other. It's not an alliance per se and sometimes they clash. They've been known to shoot at each other, but that's bad

for business? Even worse for business is the herbicide, Spike which is being tested in the Huallaga by the DEA If all goes according to the



DEA's plan, aerial spraying of Spike will begin in a year or two. But the Shining Path, which boasts 2,500 guerillas in the region, just might put a stop to that as they did to the US-powered buzzsaws

SOUTHWEST SMOKE SEIZED IN RAIDS

The DEA seized more than three tons of pot in separate raids in Tijeres, NM and Ca-pulin, CO in June. The first raid, in New Mexico (10 miles east of Albuquerque), led the Feds to the Colorado farm. Both operations used double barns, divided into upper

and lower growing areas.

Five thousand plants and 500 pounds of stored marijuana were confiscated in Tijeres. After local police discovered light shining out of the wooden structures late at night during overflights, they joined 45 Federal agents in storming the barns. Television footage showed thousands of four-foothigh, fully-budded plants being cultivated in twin 50-foot-long grow rooms. In addition, the DEA estimated \$750,000 worth of grow equipment was seized. Eleven people were arrested, including the property's owner.
Three days later, 4,500 plants and 50

pounds and were seized from the Capulin barns, located 175 miles north of Tijeres. The DEA just followed the Tijeres workers as they crossed the state line into Colorado. Apparently, the farms scheduled their harvests so that the workers could go from one operation to the other. A New Mexico resi-

dent was arrested.

Thanks to the dog feces that masquerade as narcotics agents, who descend upon peaceful marijuana growers like a flock of rapacious vultures at dawn, it looks like it's going to be a long dry summer in these

-Duke White

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A PRESCRIPTION FOR CHANGE

by Mary Lynn Mathre

Let's start with the word "drug. The pharmaceutical manufacturing companies have produced over 400,000 substances we call drugs for use in the US. Every year another 1,000 to 3,000 drug combinations will be added to this inventory. They will nearly all be blessed by the Federal Drug Administration and sold to the does who will prescribe them to their patients, who will take them Anywhere from 140,000 to 500,000 of those patients will die this year because of they in gested these drugs. With this many deaths from prescription drugs each year, could it be that the drug education in medical schools, the drug companies' research and the FDA's methods of approval are lacking? Yet we swallow these drugs, lots of us die and nobody notices

On the other hand, there are the illegal drugs (approximately one illegal drug for every 600 legal ones). When Tom Brokaw starts a story about "drugs" or when the "drug czar" is quoted, it's the illegal drugs we hear about. The cameras roll, Donahue runs the aisles, "war" footage of LA is played with a talking head repeating the grim statistics of the streets. The truth is that about 5,200 folks died last year and will die again this year from illegal drugs. That s tens of thousands less than the score for the guys using prescription drugs.

Then there are the non prescription drugs Cigarettes are the big story here--350,000 dead each year. Alcohol also takes a toll in a big way--150,000 dead each year. Cigarettes, alcohol, prescription and over the-counter drugs kill hundreds of thousands each year in this country, but it's okay-those people were using legal drugs.

Drug Bizarre Bennett was quoted recently as saying there's no difference between use and abuse when it comes to illegal drugs, the user is a criminal. Okay, Mr. Bennett, let's just take marijuana as an example. When a woman is going blind from glaucoma and uses marijuana to keep that from happening, according to you the woman is a criminal. A cancer patient who uses marijuana to control nausea caused by chemotherapy treatment is a criminal as well. A young man who smokes marijuana to control his spastic tremors--tremors so intense they propel him out of his wheelchair--is another one of your criminals.

Mr. Bennett, manjuana was declared iliegal in this country 51 years ago at the urging of Harry Anslinger, a man who needed a job. The 10,000-year history of marijuana use by humans and the research of the last 50 years should have more credibility than the ravings of Anslinger. Bennett carries on in the tradition of Anslinger, and otherwise lies to avoid the truth manjuana hasn't killed anyone. Ever

All of this semantic confusion is repeated daily by major and minor players in the me-

dia, politics, the military and business. Urine testing is a prime example. Its purpose is to end drug abuse on the job. That's the hype, that's how it's packaged, that's the story But it just doesn't happen that way. Urine testing for drugs doesn't show intoxication, it shows the use of any drug in a timeframe that doesn't prove job performance was impaired But that information is not read, heard and reported. Instead we hear of percentages of accuracy or, more to the point, of maccuracy, passing over the real story which is that these tests don't do what they are designed to do. But don't let this detail rum your story, gang. Hell, it might make people take a second look at this new boogey-monster and realize that, like all else in the words of the drug war, there's just that little bit of information missing that makes the difference between what is and what isn't



Most of those reading this magazine have had many encounters with words based on emotion rather than reality. A couple of years ago the governor of Oregon stated that marijuana use causes incest. The press reported this statement as though this politician knew what he was talking about. There was no gasp of disbelief on editorial pages. the AMA did not object, the president's drug advisor, Carlton Turner, did not correct the governor. Nope, it just got repeated all over the Northwest A year later, Turner was fired for claiming marsjuana use causes ho mosexuality. Maybe the reason Tumer didn't step in to straighten out the Oregon governor is that they agreed.

From time to time in national magazines you may see Turner advertising his urine-testing company. There he is, smiling along with his partners, urging business to put on the brown shirts and sneak into their employees' private lives with a test that doesn't work. The sad part is that the magazines run the ads, our business leaders buy the tests.

and those that cover this issue in the media still quote jerks like Turner

Remember Nightline's four hour town meeting about "drugs" It was a decent program, except for one big mistake in casting the inclusion of politicians as experts in an otherwise credible cast. The barren rhetoric of New York pols Ed Koch and Charles Rangel may be enough to impress some, yet nothing they said came across as expert on drugs. The usual tired lines about getting tough and waging war were repeated ad nau seum by these under informed parrots of a bankrupt policy

To be fair, some in the world of words have spoken out in protest of this lopsided approach. Art Linkletter, Bing Crosby, Barbara Walters, Hugh Downs and others have cried foul and asked for a reconsideration of our marijuana policy. But their cohorts just carry on with the same old mindset of the past—and that's just not good enough anymore. When a country spends five billion dollars a year to find, prosecute and jail those who are using a handful of illegal drugs, while 400,000 other drugs are virtually ignored, the same old line is nowhere near good enough.

How does anybody get a writer or editor on the New York Times or Washington Post staff to break with the party line and really look into the drug cartel of the US? How do Peter Jennings and his bosses decide what to say each evening about this convoluted issue? How do the producers of 60 Minutes. decide what needs looking at? How can we convince them that marijuana and the other illegal drugs need to be evaluated by the same criteria by which this society judges Valum or Tylenol, convince them to report on the story using people that know what they are doing rather than the politicians and discredited piss testers? Who determines what gets said and how?

In essence the answer lies with us all Ev ery one of us who allows the present language used in our society to define drugs and their uses without challenge is at fault NORML has consistently been at the forefront of such challenges over the past 19 years and will be there for as long as it takes. But NORML alone is not enough. You must be out there issuing your own challenges, demanding corrections of faulty data and invalid descriptions, holding local and national media personnel responsible for covering stories objectively and, above all, correcting your associates when they spread misinformation about marijuana and other illegal drugs.

That requires you to emerge from your smoker's closet and be properly informed. It requires that all of us realize that it's not quite as simple as, a legal drug is good and an illegal drug is bad. Keep this message with you and voice it. Drugs are not inherently good or bad. It's their manner of use that may be good or bad, responsible or irresponsible, educated or uneducated.

OUTLAWINATION

THE TERMS OF TERRORISM

by Ed Rosenthal

In elementary school they taught us about the Boston Tea Party. Angered by new British taxes, a highly militant radical fringe group disguised themselves as "Indians" and dumped the taxed cargo from a British ship. The British responded by closing the harbor until the cargo was paid for. History books call these radicals patriots", they are remembered as heroes

If this happened today, the United States government would be the first to brand these freedom fighters "terrorists." These days, the designations freedom fighters" and "terrorists" get turned around all the time

Take South Africa, for example Run by a clique of Dutch-descended whites, the government there deries the great majority of its citizens every human right-freedom of speech, right of assembly, right to own property, the rights to equal education, pay and social services. The black majority is treated as non-citizens. South African troops regularly kill protestors. At one demonstration, more than 2,000 unarmed, peaceful protesters were mowed down by police.

The African National Congress, originally a legally constituted non-violent organization established in 1910, had for years petitioned the South African government for re-

forms. But after being outlawed by the government in the 50s the ANC was forced to go underground. In the '60s, the ANC began taking violent measures to oppose the repressive regime in South Africa. This group of brave freedom fighters are called "terrorists" by the US government.

The Israeli government is just as bad. Not only have they occupied. Palestiman territo-ries since 1968, but Israel does research in security techniques in cooperation with South Africa Every day, Palestinians are being killed, maimed, exiled, dispossessed and humiliated in the West Bank and Gaza Strip. Freedom of expression is unheard of in the occupied territories. It's illegal to advocate a Palestinian state, display the Palestinian flag or even wear its colors. And forget about any critical publications. During the continuing uprising ("intifada"), Israeii troops regularly attack children. Basic services, like schools and health care, are pur posefully kept at low levels. Nevertheless, the US continues to support Israel

Even though the Palestine Liberation Organization is now fighting a largely diplomatic battle with Israel, they're still branded terrorists. When the PLO finally complied with Israel's demand that the organization, led by Yasser Arafat recognize Israel's right to exist, Israel still refused to negotiate with the PLO

Down in Central America, Nicaragua has

successfully fought off the US-backed mercenary army known as the Contras, who attempted to destroy the country's infrastructure-tits public buildings, services, roads, schools, hospitals and industries. To Ronald Reagan and the US government, the Contras were "freedom lighters." Thanks to bad weather and the Contras' terrorist activities, Nicaragua's economy has become a total shambles. Still the Nicaraguan government allows opposition, holds contested elections and is generally popular

In contrast, Nicaragua's neighbor, El Salvador, is regularly cited for human rights violations. Its army has conducted numerous massacres in small villages and government-sanctioned hit squads hunt down members of the opposition--union leaders, politicians, even entrepreneurs who compete with businessmen with ties to the government. The US acknowledges the Salvadorian government's human rights abuses and has applied some pressure on the Salvadorians to clean up their act. But the US continues to provide El Salvador with tremendous amounts of military and economic aid

Over the past 40 years, the US has supported one notorious dictator after another Each of these fascists has enriched his family at the expense of his country's citizens, while doing everything possible to prevent freedom and democracy from being achieved. Yet these cold-blooded killersterrorists through and through, have long received American support.

Call me old fashioned, but I don't think Washington, Adams or Jefferson would have approved

by Steve Bloom

Everybody's favorite Night Tripper, Dr John, has a new album out, in a Sentimental Mood. It's full of standards and features a duet with Rickie Lee Jones on "Makin' Whoopee." This summer he's on tour with Ringo Starr Dr. John has always had friends in "high places.

Matter of fact, in a recent interview, Dr John (his real name is Malcolm John Michael Creux Rebennack, but his friends just call him Mac) spoke about his druggy past. He's been off methadone maintenance for four years now. It all began for the scratchy throated Dr. John in his hometown of New Orleans in the '50s.

New Orleans was a pretty heavy scene, he says. "It was the first city in the 20th century that had a drug problem--from the lowest to the highest parts of society--and was first in the United States to have a drug treatment center, back in the '20s Being a port city, drugs was pretty easily accessible when I started messing around with all that stuff. It pretty much surrounded me when I was coming up. A lot of my peers, my role models, was into it. I used to pay one of my guitar teachers with dope. It was a very blase scene. Nobody thought anything about

In 1968, Mac Rebennack adopted the mickname Dr. John the Night Tripper and released his first alburn, *Gris-Gris*, named for a nasty hoodoo potion that had been passed down through Creole culture. Though the record was plenty spacey, Dr. John says he wasn't trying to compete with San Francisco's psychedelic bands. "We were against the whole psychedelic scene," he explains. "Against guys like Timothy Leary telling people, "Tune in, turn on, drop

TRIPPING DOWN MEMORY LANE WITH DR. JOHN



out' I just thought this guy was jive. I wanted to punch him out everytime I saw him We might have been drug addicts, but we were against drugs. If you did it, fine, but don't talk about it

The first time we got to San Francisco, the Dead put us up in a house and my band freaked. There was a bowl with reefer on the table when we got to this house. My band, who all liked to smoke, threw it away be-

cause they thought we was gonna be visited by the narcs any instant. Coming out of New Orleans, this whole thing was so strange One guy quit the band. He couldn't handle how weird it all was For a bunch of coon asses from Louisiana to come out to California in the '60s it was like culture shock and a half

"We just didn't know where they was coming from. One of the frighteningest

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SUPREME COURT RAILROADS WORKERS

by C.R. Jones

In a June decision, the US Supreme Court gave railroads the power to urine-test workers for drugs. It was the Court's first ruling on the validity of drug testing by private employers.

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The 7-2 decision--the opinion was written by Justice Harry Blackmun and opposed by Justices. William Brennan and Thurgood Marshall--probably will not be applied broadly to other private employers. Based on an interpretation of the Federal Railway Labor. Act, the ruling stated that testing is not a major change in work conditions and doesn't require collective bargaining.

The railroads' desire to test employees was sparked by the January 1987 collision of an Amtrak passenger train and a Conrail locomotive in New York. The accident killed 16 people and injured 174 others. A Conrail engineer and brakeman were later found to have smoked pot on the job.

On the same day the Supreme Court decision was handed down, the National Labor Relations Board maintained that private employers could not institute testing of union employees until union and management negotiate in collective bargaining sessions. However, the Board agreed that job applicants could be tested, since they are not yet union members. It is likely that the Supreme Court's decision will lead to an increase in the testing of applicants by private employers.

things--almost as frightening as crack today-was when I saw kids walking into walls. I saw some weird things early on, it scared me to no end. I had no idea what to make of people with acid back then. We were old-school, and that just didn't fit with what we was all about.

Today, Dr John lives in New York, where crack has taken over the streets. The 48-year-old Doctor calls crack 'probably the worst problem we've ever had. It really scares me when I see kids that's on crack. I can't knock everybody that's on it and I can't say that everybody's that's not on it is doing great either. I just try to stay out of this whole Just Say No concept. My past don't show me up as a good example. It's only by the grace of God that I'm here today. If I would go up and try to be a spokesman I'd really have to suss out what I was gonna say I wouldn't get caught up in one of these things telling kids not to use drugs. That bothers me worse than not even saying nothing.

I don't feel that people that smoke pot is doing something horrendous. I feel that people doing crack are doing something darigerous. Like shooting heroin can be dangerous-with AfDS today, it's more dangerous than when I was doing it. On the other hand, people misuse prescription drugs smoke pot on a social basis--who knows where something becomes addictive and who's addictive-type people? There's a lot

of grey are in

Just like the grey areas in Dr. John's music. If In a Sentimental Mood is not quite your style, then look for the reissue of Gumbo on Alligator, his two piano albums on Clean Cuts and best of all, Right Place, Wrong Time, his hit album from 1974.

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ECO-FASHIONING

by Lou Stathis

It's funny how the fashion world turns, eh? I'm not talking about trends in clothes or music, but the way socio-political issues seem to seize the public's media fueled consciousness with predictable serial regularity. One minute, talk of the poisoned environment is on everyone's lips--the next, people are more interested in where Rob Lowe's thing has been, and all thought of the planet's imminent demise is forgotten.

Concern for the eco-system first sprang into prominence during the sincere '60s, when voguish youngsters were peer pressured into exhibiting concern for just about everything (particularly if it involved the fucked-up condition our predecessors had left the world in). Much helpful legislation followed during the next decade's Nixon/Ford/Carter administrations the creation and empowerment of the Environmental Protection Agency, emission control standards for automobiles, the Superfund toxic waste cleanup program, a heavily promoted (but, natch, underfunded) search for alternative fuel sources and so on The cruelly mindless reign of Ronnie Feelgood that followed put an end to all that. reviving the idea that irresponsible, massive personal waste was okay. Whattaya say we lease out some of that underutilized public land to a paper company or two so we (they, actually) can make some dough off it. For eight years our government fiddled white the rainforests burned, and the once-ubiquitous word "ecology" almost disappeared from our collective vocabulary

But, suddenly the environment has become an active issue again, and politicians everywhere are, in the words of the British New Scientist magazine, "Jumping on a moving train while trying to convince everyone they're driving it." Why this late-'80s ecology flip-flop? I'm pretty sure that the recent succession of well-publicized ecological disasters and frascos has had a lot

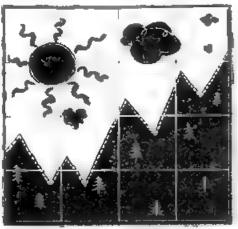
I'm thinking of such TV-friendly events as last summer's washing up of yukky medical wastes on NYC area beaches (nothing like the hint of AIDS to get panic going); the near comic yo yo East Coast journey of the foul smelling, piled-high garbage barge" earlier in 1988; the realization by blue-collar homeowners in places like Calvert City, KY, and Times Beach, MO, that local industries had been using rivers, warehouses, empty lots and even the air as chemical dumps for years virtually in these trusting peoples' backyards, and the vivid illustration provided by the Chemobyl melt-down of how someone else's caretessness can fuck up an entire continent. You can do all the wailing you want about the ozone hole, global warming and acid rain, but until people are confronted with either a direct inconvenience, a measurable diminishing of their quality of life or something that leeches money from their pockets, they just won't give a damn

Enter George Bush

Fither he or one of his manipulators smelled this growing eco-fear in the street last summer, and fashioned for the Prez's own fall collection/campaign wardrobe what had traditionally been a liberal-Democratic, anti-business suit of lesure wear. (Bush is as much an environmentalist as Hitler was a Zionist.) And then in June, he tried to prove to us that he hadn't been jivin' by proposing to stiffen the Clean Air Act of 1970 (last messed with in '77, frozen since then by Reaganite indifference and Congressional butt-spreading for well heeled industry lobbyists). What a joke

As with his drug policy rhetoric, Bush likes to talk butch and trumpet what he'd have you believe are stringent, no-bullshil tough-guy demands. But once his noise dies down he's revealed as the empty posturer we all know him to be. Sure, the Bushified Air Act mandates that cities meet new standards for ozone and carbon monoxide (auto smog) by the year 2000 but most of the cities cited don't even measure up to

current requirements!



Now compare La Land's no-fucking-around approach with Bush's plan, which includes a nasty little innovation sure to warm the hearts of profit-rich polluters everywhere the buying and selling of polluting rights! In an arrangement similar to the way real estate developers buy and sell air rights in New York City (if your building is shorter than zoned maximum heights, you can sell your unused extra footage to the builder next door, who can then merrily add them to his monstrosity), polluters whose foul excreta quotients come in under Bush law guidelines can sell these safety margins to

overpolluting operations, who can thereby continue to pour out their swill unrestrained Cute, huh?

Contact your congresshuman about this

Word has it that before the revamped Clean Air Act makes it through the House and Senate it's going to be considerably toughened. You can make sure that happens by latting your representatives in

by letting your representatives in Washington know what you think

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COKE WHORE?

Oliver North's secretary, Fawn Hall, admitted in June that she regularly used cocaine while working for the National Security Administration from 1985 to 1987. The DEA myestigation, however, ruled out the possibility that Hall had also sold drugs.

MONSTER PLANTS FROM RUSSIA "Some plants are exhibiting gigantism," said the Soviet newspaper Lenin's Banner about vegetation near the Chemobyl nuclear power plant Since the plant's disastrous 1986 explosion and fire, which leaked abnormally high levels of radiation into the air tree buds have turned into leaves out of season and "giant green pines" are growing in the woods near the plant, the paper reported. However, the claim that rodents are running wild in the Chemobyl area was denied

THE ORIGINAL MUSHROOM MAN

Gregg Allman, lead singer of the reunited Allman Brothers Band, was recently asked if he still stood by the magic mushroom logo that has long been identified with the group. "The Stones have the lips, the Dead have the skull we have the 'shroom," he said. Then Allman suggested that the interviewer turn the mushroom logo sideways. "It's a pussy, bro, he laughed. "Whenever they ask as about drugs, we just tell 'em to turn (the mushroom) sideways." Does he still do 'shrooms" "That was early in the game," Allman said. 'You can take that old brain douche just so many times

MUSIKKA WINS MEDICAL MARIJUANA CASE--Elvy Musikka of Fort Lauderdale, Florida became the third person in the United States to win the right to receive marijuana legally for medical treatments. Federal officials approved the use of government grown marijuana eight months after Musikka, 44, was arrested for growing pot in her backyard. She and her doctor argued the only way she could relieve her glaucoma is with marijuana. Musikka, who was already blind in her right eye, lost sight in her left eye while waiting for the approval. She will receive 300



joints a month

SORRY, WRONG PARTY

Police and a shotgum-toting SWAT team burst into the home of suspected drug users in Villa Rica, GA and found a party going on They ordered the suspected druggies to be on the floor and pointed their guns at them. Fifteen minutes after the raid, the police were apologizing profusely. The party was actually a pre-wedding

gathering hosted by Lillie
Haynes for her daughter, who
was getting married the next
day, "We made a mistake," Villa
Rica City Manager Robert Barr
admitted after the raid. "I don't
know what more we can do."
Lillie Haynes has had problems
sleeping ever since. "We're
going to remember that for as
long as we live," she said.



PLANTS FOR DIVORCE

Curious about her husband's secret activities, newlywed Mary Ellen Ecklund went outside the house and gazed into a window. She discovered an indoor grow room, complete with fluorescent lights, an odor-reducing machine and 50 pot plants. Ecklund took a snapshot, left their home in

Palm Harbor, FL and took off for North Carolina. When she phoned her husband a few hours later, Mary Ellen heard other women's voices in the background. Seething with jealousy, she called the police and turned in her husband of seven months. Moral of the story: The family that grows logether, stays together.

RICK LEACH LPDATE

The Texas Rangers' outfielder, R ck Leach, who was busted for pot possession in New York back in May, has improved his on-field hitting since then Leach was batting 327 with one home run and 12 RBI by the end of June

\$28 MILLION--An Air Jamaica jetliner was impounded by Customs officials in Miami after they found 3,595 pounds (nearly two tons) of marmuana on board. "You could smell it from 50 feet away," said Customs spokesperson Michael Sheehan We just cannot comprehend how the Jamaicans could not have discovered it. and allowed it to leave the country," Air Jamaica was ordered to pay a \$28.8 multon fine, "Because of the number of times we've found drugs on Air Jamaica planes, we're determined to get a fair piece of that money," Sheenan said Since October 1980, Customs has seized a total of almost 18,000 pounds of marijuana on various Air Jamaica aircraft

NON-TOXIC BUG BEATERS

Biological pesticides are gaining wider acceptance by American farmers. The number of biological products approved for the market has doubled from 21 to 42 since 1981, according to the Environmental Protection Agency, and total sales of biological bug removers could top the \$50 million mark this year. This is good news for environmentalists, as is the decline in sales of chemical pesticides from 1.4 billion pounds in '81 to 910 million pounds in '87 Other experiments in non-chemical pest control include tomato plants developed by the Monsanto Company that have been genetically altered to resist caterpillars.

GROWING UP

US marijuana growers expanded their production by 38 percent last year. The US and Mexico are fied as the second largest pot producing country. Colombia is still ranked No. 1.



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sugarcubes left from the tour "\$2-3 a hrt \$50-60 a vial Norwich, CT

Green buds "lots of red hairs." \$50 1/4 oz Skunk weed "killer," \$50 74 oz Mens brown "real killer."

Moga brown "real killer two hits and your mind is blown," \$60 1/4 oz

Acwark, DE farmatean lambsbread orange hairs, makes you sleepy good counts." \$40 1/4-oz. \$200 oz. Skunk bud indiculous prices, but oh, baby' smoked two tiny bowls with two other dudes and got wiffled!" \$60 1/4-oz.

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Commercial not even worth trying \$25,174,67 Green big-buzz bud mice hig hads, good taste and high: too many seeds though. \$30 /4-oz \$100 az Jamaican sinse creepy high; halfway down the joint you realize you re ripped, \$35 1/4-oz \$100 av Mexican red hair looks great smokes great really spacy high * \$40 1/4-oz. \$120 oz Skunk "heaventy smoke full of resin; too good to burn in joints, a clean bong is a must \$45-50 = (4-0) Krypto buds "when you can find it, it is the best broccon sized buds pungent pine aroma; huge crystals; one bong hit and

you re nowhere near earths you re totally mangled" \$80-100 1 1 7 1 SID zod.acs. unicomy stars 'hard to find; meonsistent quality; if you re lucky, you wind up laughing for six hours and riding the strychinge down for four "\$5 a bit

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Chicago, IL.

I ocal kit wit proceed bads very dry but one hell of a buzz. \$35-45 1/4-oz
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Kentucky sinse "kickass. big buds; orange hairs. \$120 oz. \$385 174 lb. Brown/green local grown izard weed weak, poor bags; mediocre buzz beiter luck next year \$100 oz. \$350 1/4-lb Skunk bud "decent: good buzz; plenty around, but bags are skimpy lots of seeds and stems," \$40 1/4 oz, \$110 oz. Brown dirtweed from NC; slow but lasting buzz same stuff as last year \$40 1/4-02, \$100 oz

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Flick Ford, lead singer of the Soul Assassins, demonstrates his stage technique during a bus breakdown.



Dreddy Duck, the new HIGH TIMES mascot.

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the adverse conditions," says DeAngelo. "The crowd at Lafayette Park was the largest we've had since the 70s. If it hadn't rained I think we might have had 20,000 people at the free concert."

Another NORML benefit concert is scheduled to take place in Washington on September 23rd.

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LEGALIZATION

Petition Your Government for a Redress of Grievances

by Ed Rosenthal For a long time, activists have been waiting for NORML to start a political legalization drive. Years ago, California NORML had a functional organization. However, currently it's in the hands of a Board of Directors who combine the worst qualities; uncreative amateurs who have only a marginal interest in the issue. Activists such as Dennis Peron, Jack Herer and Dr. Todd Mikuriya are consistently barred from any policy-making role. The president of the local, Dale Gerringer, complains about the Board, but for the most part appreciates their hands-off approach to his administration.

In March and April, several pieces of regressive legislation were proposed to the California State Senate and Assembly. One bill would have made it a separate criminal offense to possess any amount of marijuana in three separate packages suitable for sale. For instance, three joints or three containers of seeds. Another bill would have made it a crime to solicit to buy pot.

The third bill, which had versions in both legislative houses, would have limited diversion to growers captured with ten plants or less. In California, diversion is a judicial process for people caught possessing or cultivating marijuana for their own use. Instead of going through the court process, the charges are waived as long as the person stays out of trouble for two

years. The court decides eligibility based on a preponderance of evidence This law has saved California's taxpayers millions of dollars since its enactment, and has saved thousands of Californians the heartache of judicial proceedings and their aftermath.

As the Senate bills began coming up for a vote, Dale became desperate. He could not get to the capital because of medical reasons, and the Board members who were suitable for legislative duty were either busy or uninterested. As a result, Dale asked me to see what I could do.

to Sacramento.

The bills were scheduled to come to committee at 1 P.M. I arrived in the hallowed halls at 9 A.M. and immediately started lobbying. I never got to see any legislators, but talked at length with a number of their aides. The first ones I went to see were those who I thought would be opposed to the bills. They were courteous, concerned about the issues, and very helpful in their comments.

Next I went to see the aides of legislators likely to be in favor of the bills. They too were courteous and engaged in frank discussions of the bills and the marijuana issue in

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First I called up the legislative analyst of the bill and spoke with him at length. (A legislative analyst describes a bill and guesses at its effects on government and society.) He asked me to write a statement about the proposals and let me know how to register to speak before the legislature. He also gave me advice on procedure.

The analyst asked me to write a statement about the measure and my opinion of its effects. I sent this out to him promptly. Then, searching the back of my closet, I found a serviceable suit, tie, white shirt, and shoes, and made the drive

general. I was surprised by their willingness to participate in give-and-take conversations.

The discussions with the aides were good practice for speaking before the Senators. First the proponent of the bill spoke. Then came representatives of the police, attorney general's office, and the CAMP people. Representatives of the California Criminal Lawyers Association and the ACLU spoke against the bill. A concerned NORML lawyer, Bob Cogan, also opposed them.

The birls were fatally flawed and as the speakers discussed them, it became apparent that they would not make it out of committee. All were withdrawn Three weeks later, the same thing happened in Assembly.

For the most part, I found the legislators abysmally ignorant about the subject of marijuana. Usually they're led around by the state attorney general, the police, and "parent's groups" because nobody else speaks up on the issue. Once legislators become more informed, their attitudes loosen up a bit. With concerted work, their votes can be changed.

These experiences have convinced me that continual lobbying efforts in the state

The anti-pot groups have had a field day for years. They have faced no opposition in the government and media and have been able to deal in hysterics. Now you can help cut short their non-joyride. We need thousands of people to talk until their throats are dry.

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In order to approach the government most effectively,

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legislatures could change the marijuana laws very rapidly. Prohibition is a model. In the spring of 1932, Roosevelt was opposed to a "wet" plank because he thought it would lose him votes. Within a few months, public opinion had turned. The corruption, killings, and lack of liquor made the public disgusted. Roosevelt won not only on anti-Hoover depression votes, but also because of the promise to repeal the 18th Amendment. If that history is too ancient, remember that in 1980 Reagan won partly on an anti-Commie plank. Now the Russians are our best friends.

you have to sort of play their game. Here are some rules and pointers for talking with elected government officials and their aides.

 Everyone at the legislature is dressed in business clothes. In most legislatures, this means suits or work dresses. Attempting to approach these people in jeans makes their eyes glaze over. I know that this is going to turn a lot of people off, but dress and grooming are important. It's a signal to them that you are ready to talk the same language.

On the other hand, legislators usually have office days in their

local office. You can go visit them there to voice your concerns. These meetings are usually more informal than the ones in the capital. However, going up to the capital emphasizes the "importance" of the issue

Rehearse your arguments so that you know them by heart, and do not have to think about them when you are talking with

the representatives.

Listen to what they have to say and do not interrupt. Once they have made their argument or asked their question, then answer it or make your rebuttal.

- Try to de polarize the issue by first talking about what you agree on. When I was talking to conservatives, I started the discussion by bringing up some areas on which I knew we'd see eye to eye: "There is a tremendous drug problem that is out of control"; "Cocaine. especially crack, is the most dangerous drug around to both society and the people who use it," or "The government has limited resources, and they should be used where they will do the most good."
- Talk in sound bytes. Legislators have a limited attention span. Instead of hearing the whole build-up of an argument, they would prefer a chunk, preferably no longer

than 18 seconds.

6) Don't make an ass out of yourself by blowing up or getting mad if things don't go your way. The marijuana laws were not made in a day, and they won't go away in a day. Fighting marijuana laws is a long-term effort.

Any comments made about

Interview: Cindy Ornsteen

"Horrible, Rotten Things"

by John Holmstrom

Cindy Ornsteen became an overnight celebrity when she was arrested with Tom Forcade and accused of trying to blow up President Nixon at the Republican Convention in 1972. The FBI wasn't the only organization accusing Tom Forcade of high treason. The counterculture itself divided into two factions--pro- and anti-Forcade, as he led the new guard Zippies (Zeitgist International Party), against the old guard Yippies (Youth International Party) Shortly after the firebomb charges were dropped. Tom and Cindy went to work on the first issue of HIGH TIMES Currently, Cindy works for a major telecommunications network

This is the final interview of a series that ran from July 1988 to this issue to mark the 15th anniversary of HIGH TIMES and celebrate the endurance of the counterculture. We hope you have enjoyed them. Next month, our 15th anniversary issue will run a chronicle of Tom Forcade's adventures.

HIGH TIMES: Some people say Tom was paranoid, others say he just knew the truth

Cindy Ornsteen: I don't know if it was paranoia. The guy was on the cutting edge. He was being watched by the FBI and God knows who, There were a lot of undercover people around. You didn't know who your friends were. If anybody was a target it would be Tom, as evidenced by what they did to us in Miami, when FBI agents framed as and we faced 26 years in jai.

I think the most important thing about Miami is the story about Abbie and Jerry Abbie and Jerry were writing a book for Warner Brothers, the Kiriney corporation, called Voie', and they sent home anybody who came down to demonstrate. We didn't want to be associated with the Yippies. Abbie and Jerry were parading around under that name, writing that book, and telling people to go home, so we started the Zippies, because we were down there to demonstrate. That was our sole purpose. HT: How did you get arrested for firebombs?

CO: We had a rock band called the Gooks. Jane Fonda spit in the lead singer's face because she didn't want rock music performed while Dave Dellinger was speaking down the block



HT: How did Jane Fonda get mixed up with the Zippies?

HT: She was there to demonstrate She wasn't with us. Apparently, Dave Dellinger was down there talking, and there were a lot of speeches against Vietnam. She didn't want our music to drown him out. She said it was horrible, she didn't know what we were doing. We were setting up for Eat The Rich, an anti-war rock opera. We pulled up in front of the Convention Hall in a flat bed truck the night of Nixon's nomination. The undercover cops who were tailing us planted firebombs on the truck along with all the equipment. I was holding a handmade candle in a tunafish can, which I was using as an ashtray.

HT: So they said you were lighting a firebomb with a can of tunafish? CO: No, this was part of the evidence. They claimed it was one of the firebombs that Tom and I intended to blow Nixon up with HT: They planted two bombs on you? CO: They planted them in the back of the truck with the generator and all the rock equipment--two firebombs. The reason that he and I got off the charges was the fire bombs that the FBI chemist planted were technically not firebombs. They gave the chemist an additional three hours to go back before the verdict to prove that these were firebornbs, and the judge, who happened to be Nixon's ex-campaign manager, said, "I'd love to send these people to jail, but this is like having a gun without a barrel. These are not firearms, they're camp flares." Had they put real firebombs on the truck, Tom and I would be to jail still

Also, during that summer, Abbie put out word that Tom was a heroin addict. He put out a poster, and he got on BAI later, and said Tom and I were dealing heroin. They did some horrible, rotten things, our good friends, Abbie and Jerry.

After that summer, Tom and I lived in a farmhouse, hiding out in Florida. We figured there would probably be some arrests after this summer. That's where HIGH TIMES was conceived. HT: When did he think of the idea? CO: He was talking about it in late '72. I wanted to do a book about Miami--I still



wish it had been written--and he said no, he wanted to put the money into the magazine and producing the Gooks, which never went anywhere.

HT: What was your job?

CO: I was everything I was running the office, selling ads, and helping Tom. It was fun but it wasn't profitable.

HT: What kind of wild and crazy things happened back then?

CO: I remember one winter we were sitting there, and Tom allegedly had a shotgun linked to his office door, so if you went into his office... I think this was a rumor, because I never got shot if you went in his door without knocking, a shotgun was on a string, and it would blow you away. Diana, the art director's, art table was right in direct fire from the door. She was nervous Anyhow, one day, in the dead of winter, the super walked in and announced that the heat is on We packed our stuff up and headed out the back door. We thought he meant the cops were coming

HT: Why did you leave HIGH TIMES?
CO: One of the reasons I left was an ad policy issue. One of the advertisers was selling marijuana t-shirts and wanted to sell the ad on sex. He had a very busty woman put the t-shirt on, shoot it, and sell it with the logo sunk in the cleavage. You couldn't see the product. I said, "Tom, it's very nice she has breasts, but you can't see the product. No one is going to buy the shirt."
We had a big fight, and I walked out.
HT: How was the cover of the first issue conceived?

CO: The paper texture and the colors were my idea. First of all, I think silver and turquoise are beautiful, and I thought we needed a good cover to clean marijuana on HT: I heard the magazine came together very soon after Tom thought of how to do it CO: Tom did things fast. He did it while he was inspired, and got things going and got the money together and the people to do it, and his timing was good. He had a good sense of what was happening, even though Tom never had commercial taste. He was always very political and outrageous.

He did get bored easily. He would do things, sink all his energy into it for three or four years, then once it was on its own energy. It was time for him to move on to something else, break some new frontier. He had a very active mind. I don't think the guy ever relaxed.

MA. COMM MACK NINGS

BHANG! BHANG! YOU'RE.

by Peter Gorman

Ah well, even India changes. The country which brought you the hookah, chillums, hashish and the word ganja, the country Karl Marx had in mind when he compared religion to opiates, has finally closed the doors to its government-run ganja houses. No more strolling up to the counter and ordering a tolar of opium or a 10 rupee chunk of hashish. Not that dope isn't to be had easily enough—hashish, charras and opium vending is the standard sideline of nearly every taxi driver and holy man in the country—but the heat has been turned up to stem the use of cannabis among both the masses and tourists alike and a political campaign is underway throughout the country to educate the population to the perils of substance abuse.

The problem with campaigns like the one currently in vogue in India is that they're basically reactionary with a wild sense of overkill: heroin and cannabis are frequently depicted in the same light in educational pamphlets and on billboards which dot the Indian countryside and clutter the cities, sending out a message which is not only confusing but just plain wrong.

Which is why it was pleasantly surprising to discover at least one state in India that refuses to go along with the government line: in Rajasthan, the desert state, bhang—cannabis—in various forms remains a legal, if somewhat downplayed, high.

Here's the thing before I left for India, friends said I had to try the bhang lassis there—a tassi is a sweet yoghurt drink—and I asked for them in nearly every restaurant I stopped in. But over the course of my first week I'd had no luck. Most of the waiters simply shrugged, nodded their heads and said, "not possible." So I'd stopped asking for them. But then one day in Pushcar—a tiny Rajasthani city on the fringe of the desert—at the Shiva Restaurant I saw them on the menu and ordered one for lunch. The cook, a stoned freak, disappeared into the depths of his dark kitchen and returned in a moment with a light emerald green drink in semi-clean glass.

"Want to smoke some hash?" he asked, sitting next to me and lighting a chillum.

"Not today. I want to see how high I get from the lassi." He laughed. "Weak shit,"

I drank the lassi and made my way down to the street from his rooftop restaurant. I figured on a 30 minute kick-in time and walked to the edge of the desert where thousands of camels had been brought for a trade fair. The camel field was extraordinary but after 30 minutes nothing happened. Or an hour. At an hour and a half I gave up and returned to the Shiva, Maybe it was me Maybe they made them for tiny Indian people and I needed two of them.

"I'll have another," I said.

"How is it?"

"Not much of a buzz."

"I told you. Hash?"

"I'm sticking with the lassi today."

He made me another and I drank it down, headed back to the camel field and waited. The camels, yellow, brown and black, were huge and beautiful beasts with beautiful large brown eyes and long graceful eyelashes; the young ones playfully wrestled with one another, legs and long necks a tangle of muscle. The older ones took the sparring more seriously: they faced one another, bellowed and charged, crashing their necks together over and over until camel boys with long sticks, would break them up. But the bhang lassi was still a bust.

It was nearly evening when I returned once more to the Shiva. I figured that the bhang was illegal and that was why he was serving me bhang lassi which was the equivalent of a marguenta without the tequila, but I also figured I owed it one more shot

"You want another?" he asked when I'd made the stairs and sat.

"I thought they were supposed to get you high."

'Oh," he shrugged, "You want a strong one? Five rupees more."

"No problem," I said, reaching into my pocket.

He called to a young boy sitting at one of the tiny tables. The boy took my bill and disappeared down the winding stairway. I watched from the edge of the roof as he emerged onto the street and ran—all arms and legs, just like the young camels—to a cigarette-sweet stand. In a moment he was flying back, a package of cookies in his hand, one in his mouth.

"The five was for cookies?" I asked, not seeing the connection.

"No problem," the cook answered.

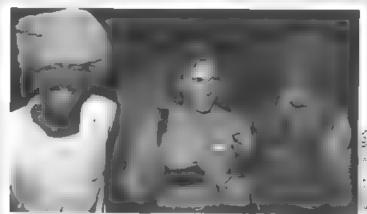
The boy returned and disappeared with the cook into the kitchen this time when the cook emerged he handed me a dark time colored (assi, I drank: tasted like hashish milk, I'd hardly finished it when I began to feet the kick

"More like it," I laughed.

"Don't get run over by a sacred cow. Remember what direction your hotel's in."

I thought he was being cryptic until I tried to walk, my legs were rubber on the stairway and the sacred cows milling about on the streets were sort of dangerous looking. This was what my friends were talking about, I thought as I stumbled about. This was a bhang lass.

I made my way to the camel field and sat beneath a lonely pipal tree—about all I could manage—and spent the next couple of hours listening to the bellows, shrieks, bleats, cries and sighs of the camels as they settled in for



The author enjoys a pipeful with a pair of Rajasthani camel dealers.



the night. Some of their owners came around and offered to share hashish or opium but I was too high to consider it. It was a beautiful night.

I found my way back to my room some time later and in the morning woke up wondering what the hell that boy had bought at the sweet stand. After coffee I made my way there but once there didn't know what I was after.

"I can help you?" the proprietor asked.

"I'm uh, looking for..." I started, fumbling around. I decided honesty was best and finally just blurted out my request. "Can I get some bhang here?"

"Why not?" he asked, shaking his head no, in that

peculiar way Indians have of shaking no when they mean yes and vice versa. He pointed to a large glass jar on the counter which was filled with little candies wrapped in yellow plastic.

"No. Bhang," I said.

"Yes, I have heard you. I am telling you yes."

I didn't want to seem completely lost so I pulled one from the jar. The wrapper read Rocket Munakka. "This is bhang?"

"I am telling you and telling you."

I paid him the one rupee he wanted and opened the wrapper. The candy was a little black ball of goop covered



The sun sets over the sacred lake of Pushcar.

in sugar but when I broke it open, sure enough, it smelled like dope to me.

"How can you sell this like this?" I asked. "This is

"My friend, in India it's illegal. In Rajasthan it's legal " I looked around: no heat nearby so I bought 20 of the little Rockets. The cookies I'd seen the boy with must

have just been a trp for running the errand.

"I tell you, it's no problem. This is Rajasthan. Enjoy."
I walked back to my room, ate one and stashed the rest. The taste was awful, bitter and dry, but twenty minutes later I felt the same buzz coming on that I'd had the previous night. It was smooth and easy, like hash brownies but without all that sugar and flour to slow things up. Just a good clean head and a thorough body rush Knowing what was coming this time I was able to handle the streets and spent an entire morning and afternoon strolling about and smilling

But I still didn't get how they were legal here when bhang had been made illegal throughout India. I mean, this was on the street in factory packaging and it was curious, so that night I waiked into the local police station and asked about them

"Excuse me," I started, "but I'm a reporter and I've got a question you might be able to help me with." The three officers on duty all shook their heads no and waited for me to continue.

"I'm wondering about the status of bhang in India..."
The three of them laughed. "So you have found our lassis?" they asked

'Well, I've heard about them..." I lied.

"Or is it the Rockets you have found?"
"Well, I've heard that they might be found here..."

"Not to worry. Very good, no?"

"Are they legal?"

"Here in Rajasthan they are."

"What do you mean?"

Again they all laughed, "As we say, Here in Rajasthan."

"What my friends are saying is that here in Rajasthan the bhang is remaining legal."

I looked at them quizzically, wondering if I was still high or if perhaps they were.

"It is this way: when this most recent campaign to rid our country of drugs was started everyone but the smugglers was happy. Until it was discovered that bhang was also now considered a drug."

A different policeman jumped into the fray, "And then there changes the emotional climate throughout Rajasthan. Bhang has been with us so long a time, and it is harmless, more or less. And so when the time to make it illegal came, Rajasthan threatened to secede."

"What? From India?"

"Where else? And then our parliament saw what was

the right thing to do to avoid civil war."

The last of the three joined in: "Let the people have bhang. And it is so. Here in Rajasthan we are an independent people. We would have gone to war. And of course, the people would have ignored the edict anyway, so why have bloodshed?"

"And you're saying I'll have no problem whatsoever if I

manage to get some bhang?"

"What else? Only don't step into traffic after you have eaten a Rocket."

I laughed and left the station, went directly to the sweet shop and bought two boxes of Rockets. In the morning I mailed one of them home. The other got me through the remainder of Rajasthan with a smile.

Next time you're in Rajasthan try the lassis. They're ternfic. ■



Savage Pencil-detail from the LP Angel Dust (Blast First Records).



STEVEN MACER

THE INDOOR ORGANIC VEGETABLE GARDEN

by Steven Hager

Until the spring of 1989, I'd never grown a vegetable in my life. However, after working at HIGH TIMES for three years, and after looking at countless indoor cannabis gardens. I began to wonder if ail the innovations pioneered by pot growers could be utrized for indoor

vegetable product on I didn't know where to begin, so I called East Coast Hydroponics, the only indoor grow store in the New York area, and spoke to Bi I Ross, the owner Fortunate y, Bill was an avid organics freak and agreed to supply me with all the necessary equipment to start a modest indoor operation. He even offered to deliver the equipment to my

apartment at no charge

"I'd like to grow some organic vegetables," I said over the phone "Yeah, vegetables, heh-hehl" laughed Bill. "That's what all my customers grow. You should check out the seed companies in Holland."

"No, really, Bill. How large would the grow room have to be for me to become

self-sufficient?"

I don't think Bill believed me and he didn't know the answer to my question anyway, so I decided to start out small a 400 watt Maximum metal halide (big enough for a 4'x6' area) and two fluorescent fixtures for seed starts and vegetative growth Bill assured me the three fixtures wouldn't draw more than \$30 worth of electricity a month, even at New York City rates

"I'm not worried about the bill." I said "The company's gonna cover it." Little did realize this innocent

venture would soon change my life While waiting for Bill to arrive (it took about two weeks of prodding before he found the time to drive into Manhattan. from Staten Island), I ordered a siew of seed catalogues. Many of these were full-color glossy magazines filled with photos of impressive-looking vegetables and all sorts of exotic growing equipment for the outdoor farmer (see sidebar). However, aside from seed starting, they contained no information on indoor cultivation. It was obvious from reading the catalogues that the indoor growing revolution had not yet penetrated our domestic seed companies--which means there weren't any vegetable seeds currently being bred for artificial light. I had to be content with ordering strains developed for greenhouse production. Since I had no idea which would do we'l under a metal halide, I ordered about 30 different vegetables and fruits, including tomatoes, peppers, beans, cauliflower, broccoli, squash, radishes, strawberries, iettuce, watercress, pak choi, carrots zucchini, cucumbers, cabbage, melons,

and one super extra dwarf apple tree
A few days after Bill appeared with an
amazing array of equipment. Aside from

the lights, he brought three flats with plastic tops for seed starts, a bag of Jify-7 peat pellets, several gallon size square pots, three electric timers, a minimum-maximum thermometer, a bale of Pro-mix BX, worm castings, seabird guano, bat guano, fish emulsion, and many other trace ingredients for my soil and tea mix (see sidebar). I was surprised to discover that the cost of the lights, equipment and supplies--which would last for several years--totaled under \$600

It only took a few hours to set up the operation in a spare bedroom. I selected a location that received about two hours of afternoon sun. (Because cannables is illegal, pot growers have to conceal their indoor gardens. I didn't have to worry about such restraints, and wanted my garden to receive as much natural light.

as possible)

I soaked the jiffy perlets in water, placed a seed in each perlet, put them in a flat under a fluorescent light, and covered the flat with its clear plastic top Within a matter of days, many of the seeds were already sprouting. Two weeks later a few of my seedlings were ready to be transplanted under the metal halide, which was put on a

12-hour cycle

My attitudes toward organic food underwent a profound change the first time I mixed a fresh batch of soil. I had no doubt that the dark, rich dirt in my hands held the key to survival. Healthy so I creates an environment where microbial life can flourish. Microbes are the building blocks for all life. Why this realization never occurred to me until 1 mixed my own organic soil I don't know but it certainly had a profound effect on my food-buying habits. I realized that the synthetic fertilizers and chemicals our farmers have been dumping on our farmland, not only destroy the microbes that support our own existence and poison farm-workers, but they create very inferior food. Before long, I stopped buying produce at the local grocery store, and began shopping only for organic food. Although it was a little more expensive. I knew it was a better bargain since it was probably more nutritious and certainly free of chemical

I began reading about organic agriculture. Its value has been well-documented since the 1940s, yet our government has never encouraged its proliferation, and no serious study has ever been undertaken to prove that organic food is more nutritious than chemically produced food. In fact, because of our government's close relationship with the petro-chemical industry, everything possible has been done to encourage the chemical farming that has destroyed our soil and poisoned our ground water. The best way to change this situation is to stop

buying chemical produce. These realizations followed directly from my involvement with organic gardening.

For the next few weeks I looked in on the garden every morning before making breakfast. Most of the plants were watered ightly every day and given the tea mix once a week. They grew healthy and strong and began to flower with a minimum of effort. I kept the windows open and allowed plenty of fresh air flow. I never had a serious insect problem. When mites did appear, I simply sprayed fresh water on the underside of the leaves. If that didn t control the problem, I followed up with a light spraying of rubbing alcohol. Even during the hottest days, pesticides were never required. Within a few months, I was eating fresh salads picked straight from the garden. I never have to worry about eating a fresh tomato anymore-- I have an endless supply

My conclusion? If you re interested in experimenting with indoor growing, I sugggest you start with an organic vegetable garden. Such gardens are nexpensive, provide a satisfying hobby and greatly improve one's diet. They provide a glimpse into the mystery of life tself. If you've had any experience with growing organic vegetables indoors, I d like to hear from you. What seeds have you found most productive? What natural fertil zers do you use? Is it possible to compost in an apartment? Send me photos of your garden and I'll run them in a future issue. Send all into to Steven Hager, HIGH TIMES, 211 East 43rd, NYC 10017.

SOIL MIX

70 to 80% Pro-mix BX (peet moss, vermiculite, perlite)
20 to 30% worm casting
1 cup New Jersey green sand (per gallon)
1/2 cup Bay Crab (per gallon)
1/4 cup hydrated lime (per 3 gallon)
1 4 cup TMI-188 (per 3 gallon)

TEA MIX (per gallon of water)
1 tsp. bat guano
1 tsp. sea bird guano
1 tsp. fish emulsion
1/4 tsp. Maxi-crop Seaweed Powder

VEGETABLE SEED COMPANIES

Burpee Seed Company 300 Park Ave. Warminster, PA 18991-0003

Stokes Seeds 28 Water St. Fredonia, NY 14063

Thompson & Morgan Box 1308 Jackson, NJ 08527 Hydro-Gardens

PO Box 9707 Colorado Springs, CO 80932

MARIJUANA: THE ROCKWOOL BOOK





An 8"x 12" slab of rockwool easily supports an eight foot plant.

By Jorge Cervantes

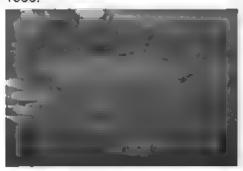
Growing in rockwool is twice as productive as soil and it's easy! Rockwool is the biggest innovation in marijuana growing since grow lights. This revolutionary new soilless medium consists of thin strand-like fibers made from rocks.

Mother Nature demonstrated rockwool to "pacalolo" smokers on the islands of Hawaii as a volcanic product in 1840 Volcanos erupt tiny droplets of molten lava. The droplets of lava are sprayed high into the air. Strong tropical winds whip this magma into long, thin hair-like fibers. Known in Hawaii as "Pele's hair," hair of the god of volcanos, this natural fiber (rockwool) has been collected for centuries and used as a medium to cultivate orchids. By 1865, it was produced in the United States for insulation. In fact, the walls in your home may be packed full of it. In Denmark, over 100 years later, rockwool was first developed commercially for horticulture. In 1985, horticultural rockwool, glass wool, growool, or mineral wool was introduced into the US

Like perlite, vermiculite and numerous other soilless mixes, rockwool was originally used by commercial growers, and later marijuana growers discovered the numerous ways it improves garden soil

Organic growing mediums like peat, sawdust and soils are becoming more expensive to produce, they decompose and their water holding capacity changes. Inorganic mediums like sand, gravel, perlite, etc. will not hold as much solution as rockwool which also offers more buffering capacity. This fact, coupled with the high cost of sterilization, prompted European growers to explore new alternatives.

Danish growers began using rockwool in 1969 as a way around the ban on soil-grown nursery stock imposed by some of the European community Now, essentially all cucumber crops in Denmark are grown in rockwool. Today, an estimated 50% of all Western European greenhouse vegetables are grown exclusively in rockwool in Holland, land under cultivation in rockwool will double from 2,500 acres in 1984 to 5,000 acres by 1990.



This wet slab full of cuttings is safe to handle. Note the white, healthy roots.

Rockwool caught on fast in Canada's progressive greenhouse industry. Greenhouse vegetable growers from Nova Scotia to British Columbia are using more rockwool every year

Japanese growers have started the switch to rockwool and will continue to change rapidly Rockwool simply offers them the best value. One of the major uses the Japanese have found for rockwool is to propagate rice.

Soil is difficult for American growers to abandon. But they have been trying rockwool indoors with fantastic results. It's great for fast, controlled growth and holding water for cuttings and seedlings.

Rockwool is a better value than other mediums and it lasts much longer. In fact, 1" rockwool cubes retail for 1/2 the cost of peat pellets! Plus the rockwool cubes are easier to transpiant than the peat pellets, which require removal of the outer plastic mesh.

The best rockwool garden will produce 10-20% more than the best soil garden. This easy to achieve yield, coupled with a few simple cultivation techniques, makes rockwool produce twice as much as soil. Rockwool really comes on the strongest with cuttings. Patro gardens are great for slabs

Horticultural rockwool is produced from rock alone or a combination of rock, basalt, limestone and coke The best horticultural rockwools are produced from volcanic basaltic rock (diabase). These rockwools have a mineral balance that is mert and will not react with the nutrient solution Insulation-grade rockwool is produced from steel or copper stag, a waste by-product from smelting These rockwools contain a high amount of metals (copper, iron letc.) that may react with the nutrient solution. The insulation-grade rockwool also compacts easily. which decreases aeration and even nutrient holding ability. The high quality rockwools have uniform fibers, even distribution of the binder and very little shot (mineral pellets that have not been spun into fiber). This high quality rockwool weighs less than five pounds per cubic foot.



This young plant has a strong root system, even with the inherent problems associated with insulation grade rockwool.

Low quality, insulation-grade rockwool has more of this problemcausing "shot" and weighs seven pounds or more per cubic foot

The insulation grade of rockwool compacts or settles easily. Although still porous and well draining, this compaction upsets the air-water ratio that is so important to all hydroponic growing. The other problem with insulation grade is pH drift. It is caused by substances being released into the nutrient solution, primarily potassium hydroxide, which is used for liquid pH-Up. This is a natural by-product of the weathering of basalt, potassium hydroxide.



Hundreds of seedlings are easy to manage in 4"-rockwool cubes.

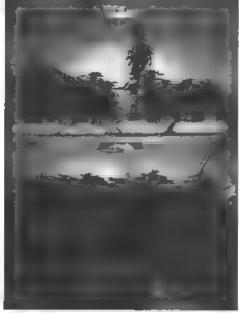
causes the pH to continually drift up above seven to as high as ten. A high pH causes precipitates and locks out or makes unavailable many elements that the plants need from the nutrient solution.

Rockwool fibers naturally repel water because they contain mineral oil. During manufacturing the mineral oils are removed from high quality horticultural rockwool and replaced with mineral wetting agents when the rock is melted. Lower quality insulation grade rockwool does not remove the water repelling mineral oils. They add a chemical wetting agent (similar to liquid dish soap) that allows the naturally water repelling rockwool to hold water. The wetting agent must be added regularly to the rockwool or it may wash out.

NOTE: Uniform wetting is one of the most important qualities in rockwool. It promotes even root growth and no dry or wet pockets with even drainage.

The rigid rock components are melted at temperatures exceeding 2,500°F. This molten solution is poured or sprayed over a spinning disk. As the molten solution flies off the disk, it elongates and cools to form hair-like fibers. The process is very similar to the way liquefied sugar is poured on a spinning disk to make cotton candy. The molten sugar spins in the air and cools into long fibrous strands of cotton candy.

A binder (phenol-based resin) is added to the product of these fibers, rockwool, immediately following spinning. This plastic-like binder



These short plants are almost ready for harvest.

material prevents potassium hydroxide (which is also used to raise pH) and other elements from leaching into the acidic nutrient solution. After the binder is added, the rockwool is compressed and cured into large uniform slabs or granular flock. The amount of pressure applied when forming the slabs dictates the density of the rockwool. The blocks are rigid and easy to handle. They may be cut into just about any size or shape desirable. Granulated rockwool flock is easily placed into growing containers or used like vermiculite or perlite as a soil amendment

The heat used to produce rockwool renders it sterile and safe to grow in. The length and thickness

of the rockwool fibers are regulated by the speed of the spinning disk, the consistency of the molten rock mix and temperature. Different densities are made at this stage. The most consistent rockwool is made from four wheels spinning toward one another. The fibers spin off the first disk and are caught by the second, then the third and the fourth disk. The end product of the fourth disk is the most consistent.

The grain or the direction the fibers run in the rockwool slab is important for water absorption. The fibers run horizontally in slabs. The horizontal grain allows the nutrient solution to drain slower from the stab allowing good capillary movement and retaining even moisture. Propagation and small cubes have vertical grain. The up and down grain is perfect for the fast draining required by seedlings and clones. The random orientation of the grain in rockwool flock promotes root growth in all downward directions.

Larger rockwool slabs do not necessarily bring a higher yield. But a larger chunk of rockwool makes a larger reservoir to hold nutrient solution and is more reliable. Sixinch slabs are as good as eight-inch slabs for crops up to three or four months in most hobby gardens and they are more economical. I do like eight-inch slabs for short rectangle and square gardens. The wider slab offers more ballast for the larger plant.

Even though rockwool will hold 10-14 times as much water as soil, it does not provide the buffering action



A hedge of Northern Lights growing in rockwool slabs.

available in soil. The pH or acid to alkaline balance of dry rockwool is about 7.8 to 8.0 PH-Down is added to the water solution to lower the pH to 6.5 to 7.0 An acidic fertilizer solution (about 5.0 on the pH scale) is required to maintain the actual

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THE CANNABIS CUP AWARDS '89

THE WINNER: EARLY PEARL/SKUNK#1 X NL# 5/HAZE

by Ed Rosenthal

Seeds are fascinating organisms. Condensed into each one is a tiny embryo and enough food to get started when presented with the right conditions. Suspended in its own time, a seed functions at an incredibly slow rate of metabolism, allowing it to live for years with no external stimuli. Given water and moderate temperatures at sprouts and its genetac blueprint begins to unfold.

For most gardeners and farmers, seeds represent the promise of a new beginning. From seed to flower seems a complete set. The cyclical nature of life completing the circle, returning from an active to a passive state of life--remains hidden. But a small minority of gardeners and farmers view the seed, not the bud, as the prize to be harvested.

Each seed represents not just another plant, but an entire genetic history—the cutting edge of evolution and human engineering. Just thinking about seeds in these terms imbues them with a certain power. Truly: A garden is no better than the seeds that it's grown from. No matter how sophisticated the equipment, bunk seed produces bunk weed.

Because of politics, marijuana is a crop untike any other. Marijuana is the most valuable crop grown. An acre of corn yields about 100 bushels. At harvest it's worth between \$300-400. A square foot of indoor marijuana, cultivated intensively, yields between 2 and 4 ounces per 3-crop year. At a price calculated conservatively at \$150 an ounce, a square foot can gross between \$300-600.

Most manijuana research is conducted informally by hobbyists rather than academic or commercial institutions. While one person is results may be open to doubt, the replication of these experiments by thousands of other gardeners functions ake a grain laboratory. Rather than just a few centralized areas where research is



Queen's Day in Amsterdam is a giant smoke-in. Everyone wears a bra...even the buildings!

conducted, there are truly "a thousand points of light." On the other hand, it's difficult for new research to get out because of the risks involved.

In the same way the political climate has affected marijuana research, it has also had tremendous impact on the availability of high quarity seed. In the '60s and '70s, gardeners learned that seeds from their best stash were often not suitable for cultivation in their area. Since no seed companies existed and there were few good varieties around, serious growers began attempting to develop their own high quality, high yielding varieties. These new strains varied greatly in quality and there were no organized means of distribution.

In the United States, a few brave souls have fried to develop and sell superior varieties. But success and fame have usually been followed by legal problems. That's why our five judges had to go to Holland to test samples provided by four Dutch seed companies. Cultivator's Choice, S.S.S.C., The Seed Bank and Sensi-Seed.

There were 19 entries in four categories, mostly sativa, partly sativa, mostly indica, and partly indica. Our five judges had four days to test and evaluate the samples. There were no lightweights on the panel. Patty Collins

of Pype's Palace. John of C.I., Enterprises, Flick Ford, art director of H.T. Steve, a West Coast connoisseur acquaintance of mine, and myself. At first glance, we thought that judging the Cannabis Cup Awards would be a fantasy come true instead, we found that we learned our limits.

All of us except Patty stayed in Breda, a small resort town in south



In the garden restaurant of Sensi Smile in Rotterdam, Flick tries Ben's new pipe, which, at the push of a button, lights the smoke and blows it into your mouth.









Above: coffeeshop signs in Amsterdam.

central Holland. The week we were there, a swing and Divieland juzz lestival engulfed the town. During the testing we took trips to Nevil's Seed Bank, the Hash Info Museum, the Sensi Since in Rotterdam and any number of restaurants, cales and pot-selling coffeeshops.

The first timers to Holland quickly fell in love with the country. Steve said, I didn't want to be disappointed. It far exceeded any I could have had. The people were friendly lopen and free You could walk the streets at night, it was very safe, the streets were clean. There were good people. There was good food. There was a good environment. There was good smoke and good drink. It was a once in a lifet me opportunity to experience the people of Holland.

As a frequent visitor to the country. I have found it to be a progressive place, in the middle of a continent which is undergoing a renaissance based on the new unity between the EC countries (European Common Market) as well as the thaw in East-West relations. Johnsaid. "It was very educational Since." visiting there I have been reading its history. The horneulture there is outstanding. What they are doing with greenhouses and the way they use every last piece of land for cultivation is remarkable. The Hash Museum. exhibited live plants in different growth stages and the other exhibits which were very informative.



One of the grow rooms at Cannabis Castle.



The curing rack.

Points were awarded for: TASTE and AROMA 0-10 STRENGTH AND QUALITY OF HIGH 0-15 STICKINESS and VISUAL APPEAL 0-5

John and I did not judge the thard category, stickiness and visual appeal, because we felt it can not matter as lar as our heads were concerned. On the other hand. Putty examined each oud very carefully as did Steve.

Each Judge had their own method I smoked all the sativa and sativa hybrids the first day. The next day I smoked indicas. The third day I alternated between the sativas which picked me up and the indicas which laid me back a I tile. Sometimes I went back and forth to see which was the stronger. The third day we also smoked some cockta by combos of different grasses. On the fourth day I re evaluated my notes and judged netween the fina ists on my list. I also went to some Dutch friends in a couple of Amsterdam coffeesnops and they confirmed my

opinion.

I feel I made a tough examination. The ones which won deserve at 1 knocked of, points for we ness or lack of stickness. Only the most unusual and unique tasting herb reigned the highest.

I have I ve categories which I think are superby I ha. Jamaican, Hawai an Colombian and Mexican

Steve said. "I took two days off in my room and cird nothing but drink coffee. and test I watched some movies. They should give it to us rolled so that you don't ferm a prior op nion, but i gotdown with a 30 power portable m croscope to look at the crystals, the maturity, clear or amber, which changes the type of high as they eyeld Flick: Total up and del vered the samples to the other ladges so I ready got to see what condition the buds were in. This was an advantage and a disadvantage so I fried to make the samples on form ever if I destroyed the tooks of some specimens

"My personal avorate after a few days of testing was last year's winner, SK #1 SK #1 is (to me) the most



The Cannabis Info Museum in Amsterdam.



Interior view from the museum's front door.

completely sattsfying cannabis strain there is. It's taste, aroma, looks and high are consistent and unique in the world of cannabis. A lot of weed is like SK#1, but pure SK #1 is like no other strain in the world. I'm not a big fan of indicas, although they were popular with the other judges So, I didn't expect it to beat N.L. #1 N.L. #1 was so full of resin it just looked levels above the rest. Look for the Haze's to dominate next year."

The judges agreed that most of the samples were in the mid-range with a few outstanding contenders and a few which should not have been entered. Patty: "The quality of the samples was superb. There was a lot of sativa. It picked me up and gave me a moving energy Three of the samples were really not contenders. It might have been the way they were dried. The seeds the breeders are selling today are much higher quality than two years ago. Their customers have told them what they want and they keep improving. The taste is better and the stone is clearer rather than zombie-like. Steve: "There was one sativa which put me to sleep twice (MS 6). I took three hits and within 35 minutes I was asleep Then I woke up 9 hours later, drank a couple cups of coffee, had breakfast, smoked another three hits and took a three-hour nap a half hour later. It felt like eating a quaalude. It felt more like an indica, but because it was so amber I could understand the reaction. It was overtipe and give a very relaxing soporific high. MS 5 was the sweetest, tastiest, most active high. Five should not have been submitted, and five were really excellent. The other nine were good. But they didn't open your eyes up and say 'I want more of that '



Flick and Ed getting ready to announce a category winner.

John: "The quality was very good and they did do a good job of growing it The testing was done in an orderly fashion. There should be fewer samples or more time. I especially liked the Haze. The Skunk was a bit harsh."

On the fifth day we attended the awards dinner. All of the judges, the contestants and a few of their friends and relations attended. The dinner was held at the Yurn-Yurn Restaurant in Rotterdam. It is right next door to the Sensi-Smile, which is the sole marijuana and hash-only shop in Holland. The dinner was a sumptuous affair.

We began with a Sensi-Cocktail which was a good tasting, alcoholic beverage served in long-stemmed cocktail glasses. It was a pastel olive green, the result of its treatment with cannabis. The dinner included an excellent salad bar, and gourmet nouvelle entrees. Since these courses contained no marijuana, fat joints made from the best samples were passed around. Cultivator's Choice offered chocolate-manjuana ice cream bon-bons. They were very potent. Dessert consisted of a marijuana-lemon poundcake. The crowd offered a round of applause to the chef

I was the master of ceremonies and, together with Flick, officiated at the actual awarding of the prizes. Brass and wooden plaques were presented for each of the four winners, one in each category. The Cannabis Cup was awarded to the winner with the highest total

This year the Seed Bank swept the field taking all of the five prizes.

One judge said afterward, "Several photographers were taking pictures, so flashes were continually popping. During the dinner I thought, just try and do this in the US! We were honoring the seed breeders, giving credit where credit was due. There was a feeling of fellowship, that we were among friends, almost family, an essential cog in the mechanism, that runs from the breeders, to the judges, the writers, the readers and, ultimately, all marijuana users."

After the ceremony, a breeder brought up a serious question: Can a seed company buy another company's seed and start breeding it on their own, without paying any royalties? I answered that in the non-marijuana market it's done all the time. One method that seed-people use to protect themselves is to sell hybrids. The second generation is not uniform and is of less value to the grower. This gives cultivators the incentive to purchase new seeds. Generally, plants which are patent-protected can be used for breeding. However they cannot be duplicated using cuttings, which reproduce the exact genetic makeup of the clone-mother.

All of the judges enjoyed participating. "It was the best time of my life--this is something that people dream of doing and I did it. When I stepped from the elevator in Breda I knew I was in the right place. I just followed my nose."

'It was a once in a lifetime opportunity to experience the people in Holland."

"I felt proud to be part of the whole thing. I would be honored to go again."

THE RESULTS

KEY

MS= MOSTLY SATIVA PS= PURE SATIVA MI= MOSTLY INDICA PI= PURE INDICA

Below: A well organized judges kit includes: samples, ballots, magnification tools, and smoking materials.





MS-1 SK1 (GREENHOUSE)













MS-7 SK1 x BASIC5 HYBRID

PURE INDICA WINNER

PI-2 NL1



PI-1 NL5

MI-7 VICTOR BARNES



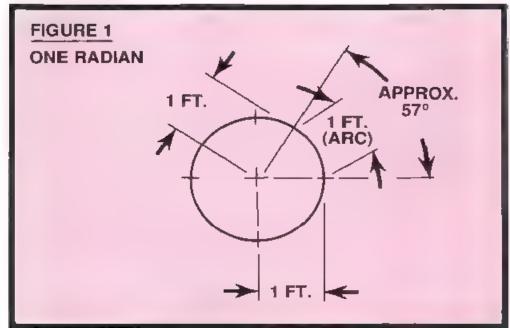




HOW MUCH IS ENOUGH?

Recently I have read some articles and comments in HIGH TIMES which have piqued my curiosity about halide light intensities, and their effect on proper bud development.

ALL CHARTS BY BRIAN SPAETH



ONE STERADIAN 1 FT. (ARC) APPROX. 57° APPROX. 57°

BY PROF. T. H. CUSTER

In the October '88 HT Ed Rosenthal responded to a letter by Plantlet by stating that a minimum of 1500 lumens was required to produce viable seeds. In his article 'High Tech, High Light' (HT, Sept. '87), Jorge Cervantes stated that " 1,000 to 2,500 footcandles are needed to produce strong, healthy flowers." Assuming that strong flowering and viable seeding require similar levels of light, Jorge is allowing a lower minimum limit (Lumens and footcandles are defined differently, but are mathematically equivalent.) Who's right? Have studies been done? And what type of measuring equipment did Ed and Jorge use?

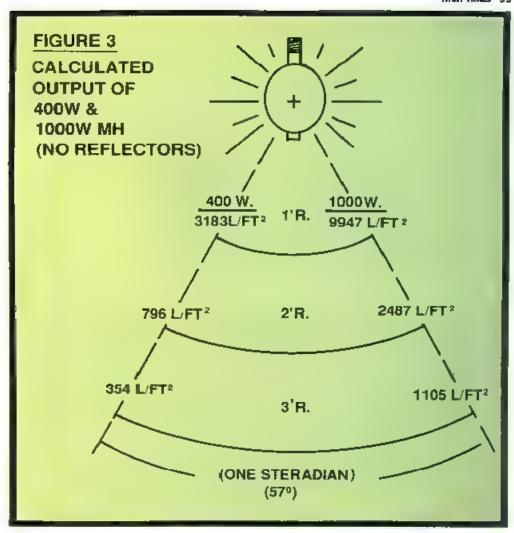
Also in the October HT I noticed an ad, which, like Jorge's article, charts the average footcandles in an area. (Jorge was more specific.) In both cases, most of the readings fell well below even Jorge's 1000 to minimum, using 1000W halides placed 36" to 40" from the minimum measurement point Jorge's figures show two important facts about Indoor lighting

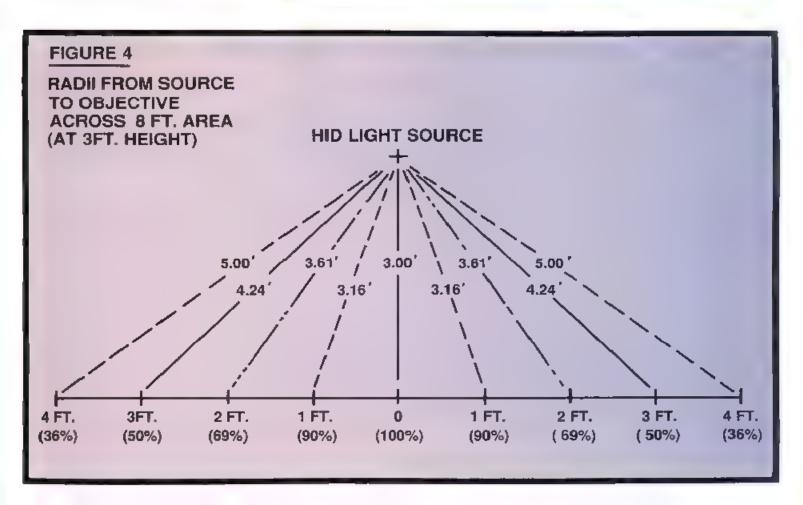
The first fact is easily seen by the lines he uses to connect the same values. Ideally, we should be seeing perfect circles, since this is how light behaves. The fact that we don't indicates that the current reflectors used in HID lights are far from perfect.

The second fact can be seen by the figures themselves. Considering the strange dispersions obtained by most reflectors. I ran through some numbers to construct a mathematical model of light dispersion with a stationary singlepoint source (like HID) 36" from the floor If at that distance a grower is getting 100% of the light he desires directly under the lamp, at 4' from the center of the grow area (the edge of an 8" x 8" square) plants will be receiving 36% of the desired light. If that wasn't bad enough, at the corners of the area the plants will only receive 22% of the light. This is because light disperses radially, and its intensity follows the inverse squares law, which Jorge mentioned. This means that a grower needs to maintain his plants all at the same radius from the light source point to keep his plants uniformly lit. A light mover increases the area directly under the lamp (the 100% area) but the same is true the farther you get from under the lamp's track.

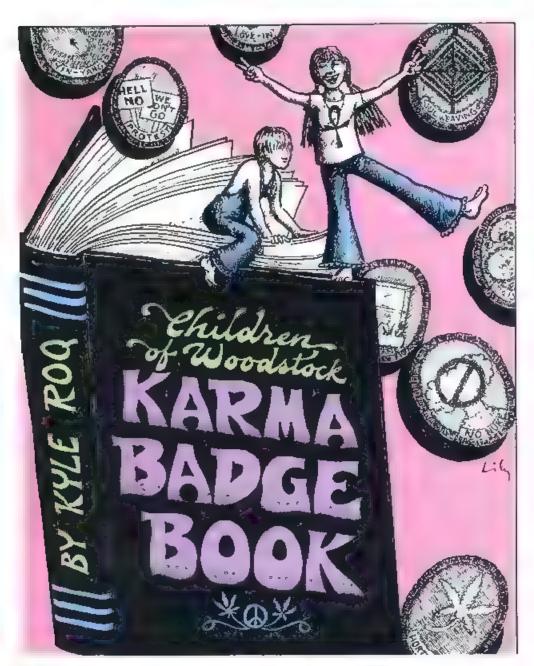
What this means to the average grower is that the tops of his plants should be progressively elevated to maintain the desired radius. For a single stationary light, the tops of the plants should make a shape like a bowl makes in the snow. For a light (or lights) on a light mover, the tops should make a shape like a doughnut makes in the snow or like a small valley. Obviously, most current hydroponics units do not allow side elevations required to maintain the desired radius. I have designed a simple and inexpensive, yet effective, hydro unit which can be arranged to utilize the light this way

Using 4" plastic drain conduit and elbows, a downward spiral can be constructed from the outside, draining from the lowest point at the center. Growing media can be held by plastic cups with drainage holes, placed in spaced holes along the conduits. (I prefer the feet of nylon stockings to hold the media; this a lows better drainage and root growth.) A simple timed pump pours solution into the highest outermost end, and the solution follows the slow downwards spiral to the drain at the low center. Cost of this unit (which is infinitely continued on page 58.)





DO-IT-UR-SELF SEDLING NURSERY



Text and photos by Kyle Roq Illustrations by Lily Houston

Like every aware Child of Woodstock, Heather and Donovan look forward to the day they will share the family stash. They know that sharing also includes the duties of keeping the stash fresh and full.

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This self-watering Seedling
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watering routine, giving you time
for other important things, like
get-down serious playing.

You'll need two styrofoam trays, the kind that butchers used to put hunks of dead animals on, before everyone realized how

uncosmic that was.

While Rockwool cubes are fantastic for cuttings, Jiffy 7
Starter Pellets work best in this seedling nursery. Different head. Trace the outline of a compressed Jiffy 7 onto one of the trays, seeing how many circles you can get in. Getting them close together uses light more efficiently, and makes it easier for seedlings to share the experience with their sisters and brothers. Try for 6 to 9 on a smaller tray.

Cut out the circles with a razor. Be careful; blades can be real bummers.

Place the top tray, with the cutout circles, over the bottom tray. Trace the circles into the bottom tray. Experience the feel of styrofoam against both a hardand-soft tipped pen. Weird, huh?

Polyester Rope is super absorbent, making it a terrific wick. It may not be totally natural, but hey, neither are Zip-Lock baggies. We used a diamond braid #6 (¾1e" dia.), although any polyester rope probably shares the same qualities. Melt the rope ends with a match or joint lighter. It stops fraying, and makes it easier to get it through the pencil holes you're going to poke.

Soak the rope for half a minute in your commune's favorite, 6.3 pH vegging nutrient. Watch it gustfully suck up the solution.



Nursery.



Bottom tray, wicked for six of nine holes. Note each rope segment goes into the reservoir on both sides of three plants.



Wick's eye-view of the top tray, with Jiffy Pot butts secured in the tray's holes.

Feel it swelling, anxious to deliver nourishment to your little plants. Grok the rope. Inorganics have personalities too!

Feeding the rope through a pencil-poked hole in the bottom of the tray, route it through the outlines of three circles, and back into the nutrient solution, through another pencil hole. (It's important that each segment of wick serves no more than three circles between two pencil holes)

Fit the Jiffys, with your just germinated plants, snugly into the holes in the top tray, their little butts mooning through, resting on the rope. Vacant holes can rest



If you're not using an airstone, site on top of a washcloth and styrofoam tray to reduce the bubbling noise.



Wicks hanging down into reservoir. on tin foil to reduce algae and evaporation.

Rest the two trays on top of the reservoir; a quart-size, gelatinfree, yogurt container works nicely. The polyester wick hangs into the nutrient solution.

We've always kept the nutrient oxygen-rich, 24 hours a day, with a small aquarium pump. An airstone on the end of the line will keep it quieter, although it's not necessary. Punch a hole in the top of the reservoir to run the airline through. Tell your friends the sound is an aquarium of cavefish you keep in your closet, because they can't handle light.

With a quart-size reservoir



Top Tray: Aluminum foil is placed under empty holes.



Complete nursery. Small computer fan plugged into the light timer protects against insects and makes the stem strong-even under Auorescents. Because of fluorescent's rapid light fall-off, the tops of the plants are about an inch or less from the tubes. The brightest part of a grow tube is its center area. White cardboard (not shown) leans against the shop light to reflect light back.

you'll have to replace water lost in evaporation about every 2-3 days. A larger reservoir can go for longer periods. Fill to the original level with water only-not nutrients When you change nutrients, dump the entire reservoir and start fresh.

Transplant your plants no later than their one month birthday-or before their curious roots start growing into the rope.

May you and your garden grow

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PHYSICAL QUANTITY	SI UNIT	UNIT SYMBOL	
SI UNITS HAVING COMPLEX NAMES			
LUMINANCE	CANDELA PER SQUARE METRE CD/M²		

LIGHT

continued from page 53 expandable) is less than \$75, including

pump and timer

The lumen value given for bulbs is the total spherical output, not what is actually shining on plants. Furthermore, that output is only a valid figure at one foot away from the lamp (a lighted area about the size of a small beach ball) A lumen is defined as the amount of light emitted by a single point source in a solid angle (one steradian). A footcandle, on the other hand, is the illumination received by a surface one foot away from a light source of one candela (a standardized candle), equalto one lumen per square foot Footcandles change with distance, but lumens do not. A radian is an angular measure which looks like a piece of pie

A steradian is like the wedge you might. cut from the end of a watermelon when you're going to soike it with alcohol for a party. There are 12,566 steradians in a sphere. At one foot from the bulb (a two foot diameter) there are 12 566 square feet in the surface of the sphere. This means that for a 125 000 umen bulb (total), there are 9 947 lumens per square foot one foot from the bulb. At three feet from the bulb (a six foot diameter sphere), there are only 1,105 lumens available per square foot. This is just barely enough light for proper flowering directly under the bulb. As I. showed earlier, any other spot in the grow area will receive even less light

My reason for mentioning all this is that at the beginning of Jorge's article, he asks "How can the Dutch use 400-watt lamps and get the same (or better)

results than American growers using the 1,000-watt lamps?" His answer is horizontal orientation and small reflectors. He showed that a 1000W bulb's lumen-per-square-foot output can be increased by almost three to one over the theoretical (no reflector) figures. But Jorge did not chart any 400W bulbs, or even a horszontal 1000W MH. At any rate even if the 400W can be boosted in a like manner, at the 36" distance we are still under the 1000 lumen-per-squarefoot minimum recommended for optimum bud formation. So my main. question is, can a small indoor grower. especially with a limited number of stationary lights, hope to achieve good results with even horizontal 400W bulbs? I realize that close to the plants, the intensity increases, but the area covered also decreases .

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your style should be taken to heart if they are well-intended.

There are six major reasons why marijuana should be legalized--they are criminal, economic, sociological, constitutional, national security and health. In future issues of the magazine, we will cover each of them thoroughly. We will also make room for comments about your experiences fighting these unjust laws in the legislature. So get ready and get your suit and tie pressed. We're going to the capital in September and October.

One last experience. I was walking down the hall with the Special Assistant to the Attorney General. He had just given a talk about drugs. He had been talking about rehabilitating drug users and I said to him, "There is one difference between marijuana and almost any other drug, including the legal ones. alcohol and tobacco. If you ask a nicotine addict, alcoholic, junkie, crack freak, or almost any other drug user, 'If you could wake up tomorrow unaddicted and without cravings, would you take the option?', for the most part these people would say yes. However, if you ask a marijuana user the same question, s/he will say no thanks, because marijuana users, for the most part, do not think the substance is hurting them."

He said, "I never thought of that, but most of my friends who smoke it do feel the same way." A little bit of progress was made at that moment.

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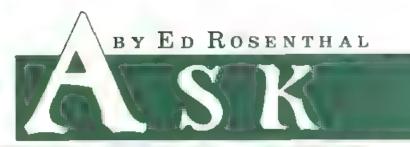
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This month only I am awarding Garden of the Month Awards to three gardens which look very different from each other.





GARDEN #1

These pictures are from my first attempt at growing manjuana indoors

The garden was set up in a long rectangular closet using a 400 watt MH lamp, a Solar Shuttle, and a six module hydroponic unit. I grew two varieties, Northern Lights 5 x Skunk #1 and an excellent sativa which i started from stash seed. As you can see, the results were outstanding. My only disappointment was a zero success rate at cloning my best females for my next crop. I even tried aerobic autocloning with no success. The cuttings stems started to rot before they rooted.

"The Closet Farmer." Kansas City, MO

GARDEN #2

My closet is 3' x 5' x 8', lined with mylar. Tuse a 400 watt MH and a 150 watt HPS for the top flowering section and power twists for the bottom vegetative section. My hydro set-up is custom made and very efficient. The garden yields one pound every 45 days of NL #1 and B5 x Sk #1 My system uses a constant flow with return. In the

veggie stage my clones grow 1" a day Pepe the Beach Grower,

San Diego, CA





These seedings were planted in rockwool starter cubes and were started three weeks before the photos. The seeds were from stash. Mostly indicas with a few

I started the seeds under 1000 watt MH with continuous light for two weeks and then added a rotating light mover and a 1000 watt HPS. The 12 container system works great. The grow room is equipped with CO2 enrichment, lonizer, vent fan, and climate controller.

The temperature rises to 90 degrees during the lighter part of the cycle and goes down ten degrees during the dark part. Humidity stays at 50%. I am using a grow formula fertilizer but plan to use a flowering formula when iturn the lights down.

--Dan E Western Iowa



We started in an 8 x 12 room using a 400 wait MH parabolic light. As time went by and the number of plants began to expand, we realized we needed more lights to cover a lithe plants. After countless relarrangements to accommodate them always finally got it right. Now we have a 1000 wait MH for the vegetative cycle and two HPS for budding

We had our first taste of our female beauties just about four months after we planted the seeds. It had us smiling for hours. The taste is clean and refreshing and the high is beautiful. We don't have to depend upon anyone for our grass now and it feels great!

-- The Happy Amateur Growers, Staten Island, NY

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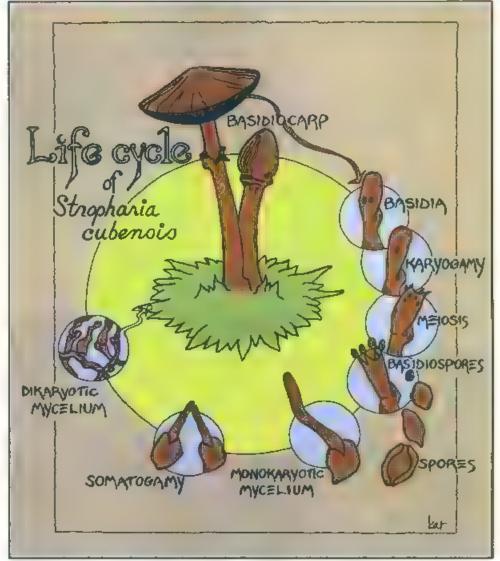
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In the New World, Stropharia cubensis can be found in appropriate habitats throughout the Southern US, all through the coastal regions of Mexico, and throughout coastal and equatorial regions of South America. In the US, it has been reported from Texas. Louisiana, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Florida, Tennessee, and Georgia. Its distribution would probably be even greater were it not for the fact that its environmental requirements limit it to regions of mild temperatures and high humidity

Because of its specific habitat and singular appearance, Strophana cubensis is one of the easiest mushrooms to locate and identify.... It can be found growing out of cow-pies in pastures during rainy warm seasons Other dung-growing mushrooms may also be found in the same pasture, but these bear little resemblance to Strophana

The flesh of this mushroom exhibits the property of staining a bluish cofor when bruised or broken. This bluestaining reaction is apparently an enzymatic oxidation of osilocin to an indole diquinone (Bocks, 1967) and is a fairly reliable indicator of the presence of psilocybin, not only in Stropharia cubensis, but also in other closely related genera (members of the family Strophariaceae) (cf Benedict, et al., 1967) Other mushrooms, such as members of the genus Russula, section Nigricantinae, and Boletus, exhibit a similar blueing. The blueing in these cases, however, is not due to the presence of indole substrates and these mushrooms otherwise bear no resemblance whatever to Stropharia cubensis or related species (Singer, 1958, p. 247)

Once one has located a specimen or specimens of Stropharia cubensis, and been satisfied as to its identity in all particulars, it is necessary to collect spores for cultivation. Spores can be easily collected in the following manner: Take one or more fresh specimens with the caps fully open, using a sharp knife, cut off the stipe as close to the gills as possible (see fig. 2) and place the cap.



gillside down on a clean sheet of white paper, and leave for 24 hours. It doesn't hurt to cover the caps with a small bowl while taking the spore print in order to prevent dessication. When the caps are removed, a dark-purplish, radially symmetrical deposit of spores will remain on the paper where the gills contacted it. The paper should then be folded and sealed in an envelope in order to prevent further contamination by airborne spores of other species of lower fungi. A single spore-print contains tens. of millions of spores, and is sufficient to make hundreds of spore germinations.

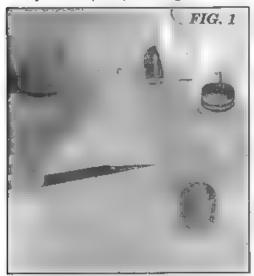
The following variation on this method was suggested to us as a way of enhancing the sterility of the spore print Take four standard flat microscope

slides, swab with alcohol, and flame in an alcohol flame or butane torch (fig. 1). On a clean flat surface, such as a tabletop swabbed with Lysol, lay the slides side by side and end to end, so that they are arranged as in fig 2. Place the fresh cap in the exact middle of the slides so that approximately 1/4 of the cap covers each slide (fig. 3). Cover and wait 24 hours. When the cap is removed, the end of each slide can then be sealed. together or separately, in plastic or paper. One can easity substitute glass microscope coverships for the slides to maximize compactness. Do not use plastic coverslips, since static electricity associated with them makes it difficult for the spores to adhere to them.

Once the spore-print has been

collected, it is necessary to germinate some spores in order to begin the life cycle that will eventually culminate in the production of more mushrooms. Before we outline procedures for germinating the spores, a brief discussion of the stages in the life cycle of these higher fungifollows, readers who do not care to read this somewhat technical portion may skip the next three paragraphs.

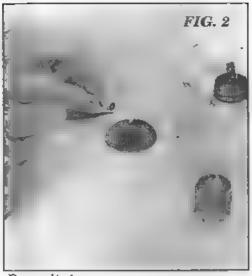
A I gilled fungi are members of the class Basidiomycetes, i.e., they are characterized by the production of spores on club-shaped appendages called basidia. Spores borne on basidia. are called basidiospores. Most of the conspicuous fungi that one encounters, such as mushrooms, puffballs, and bracket fungi are members of the subclass Homobasidiomycetes. Of the members of this subclass, the gilled mushrooms are placed in the order. Agancales. The basidiospores germinate to form a monokaryotic hypha. A hypha is a tubular filament, an aggregation of these hyphae collectively comprise a mass of thread-like filaments referred to as the mycellum. The mycelium comprises the main body, or thallus, of the fungus. The stalked, capped structure which we call the mushroom is actually only the "fruiting body" or the spore-producing



Sterilizing the slide.

reproductive structure, and constitues only a small portion of the total mass of the fungus, the great bulk of the organism exists underground in the form of a network of mycelium, which occasionally "fruits," or produces mushrooms, under appropriate conditions.

The basidiospores germinate to produce a monokaryotic mycelium, i e a mycelium grows out until it encounters another monokaryotic mycelium, germinated from another spore, that is a compatible mating type. If the monokaryotic mycelium does not contact a compatible monokaryotic mycelium, it eventually dies. In situations where two compatible monokaryotic mycelia do make contact, however a process called



Decapitation.

somatogamy, or the fusing of the somatic cells of the two mycelia, takes place, but fusion of the nuclei does not take place. The result of somatogamy is the establishment of a dikaryotic mycelfum, i.e., a mycelium possessing two nuclei, one from each of the monokaryotic mycelia, in each of its cells. The dikaryotic mycelium stage is the most prolonged portion of the life cycle and is also the main assimilative stage of the fungus. The dikaryotic mycelium can propagate vegetatively indefinitely without going through a sexual (spore-producing) stage. Given appropriate conditions, however, the dikaryotic mycelium can be induced to 'fruit": the un-differentiated mycelial thallus of the fungus begins to weave itself together into an articulated, sporebearing "fruiting body," in this case, into a mushroom. The mushroom continues to en arge and thrust above the ground, incorporating more and more mycelium. while at the same time expanding by absorption of water. At a certain stage in the growth of the mushroom, or basidiocarp, club-shaped structures called basidia form on the underside of the gills. At this point, karyogamy, or fusion of the two nuclei of the dikaryotic mycelium takes place within the basidia. This is the only diploid, or 2n, stage in the life-cycle of the fungus, and is also the briefest stage, for meiosis, or reduction division of a diploid (2n)

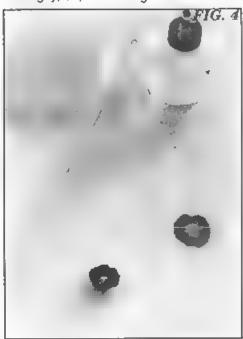


Making spore print(note slide arrangement)

nucleus to 4 haploid (n) nuclei occurs immediately following karyogamy. The result is the basidium bearing four basidiospores on its outer surface as in the "Life Cycle" drawing. These basidiospores eventually detach from the basidium to begin the life cycle again.

Fungi of the family Strophariaceae, which includes Stropharia cubensis and most other psilocybin-containing genera, are genetically complex with respect to the mating compatibility of different monokaryotic mycelia. These fungi are heterothallic and tetrapolar, that is, their sexual cycle is dependent on the fusion of two compatible monokaryotic mycelia, and their sexual compatibility is governed by two sets of factors:

In tetrapolar heterothallism, two sets of factors, the A's and B s, are involved If a sexually reproducing thalius is to be established, somatogamy must occur between mycelia differing in both sets of factors—for example AB x ab. The number of mating classes is somewhat greater than in bipolar forms, since four types typically arise from spores of a single basidiocarp. Obviously these mating types, numbering in the hundreds



Completed spore print and inoculating equipment.

in both bipolar and tetrapolar species, cannot be designated as sexes! (Scagel, et al., 1967, p. 69.)

Keeping this information pertaining to the sexual characteristics of these fungi in mind, let us return to the problem of spore germination, the relevance of our digression into the matter of life cycle and sexual compatibility will be seen shorter.

Once one has obtained a spore print from Strophana cubensis, the monokaryotic mycelium can be easily obtained by germinating the spores on an appropriate solid nutrient medium, such as Potato Dextrose Agar or Malt

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Extract Agar Simply assume that one has several clean, stelle petri plates which have been filled with an appropriate solid nutrient medium (see fig 4) Spores can be transferred most readily using a clean, sterile #11 scalpel, moculating loop, or similar instrument. Flame the blade of the scalpel in an alcohol flame, then reach into the petri dish and cut a small square of agar (2-3) mm) from the center of the dish. Spear the agar square on the blade of the scalpel, and use it to lightly touch the surface of the paper or slide on which the sporeprint is deposited. Replace the agar. square on the medium close to the place it was cut. It is sometimes convenient to inoculate four agar squares in each dish, one in each quadrant. Care should be taken to do this as quickly as possible. keeping the cover off the petri plate for the shortest time necessary, in order to minimize the chances of contaminating the plate with the airborne spores of



Flaming the inoculating loop.

contaminants. A variation on this method can also be used. Instead of scraping the spores directly onto the plate, they can first be scraped into about 10 ml of sterilized water. Shake this vigorously, then dilute to 100 ml by adding sterile water. Using a sterilized pipette or syringe, take up 2-3 ml of diluted spore solution, and point-inoculate the petril plate by placing a drop of the solution at two or three separate points on the plate.

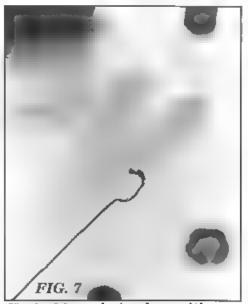
If possible, incubate the covered inoculated plate at 86° F, for 24 to 36 hours. This will break dormancy and force the spores to germinate faster. Spores will germinate without this incubation, but may take up to 24 days. During this time, the spores will germinate and monokaryotic mycelsum will grow radially outward from each point of inoculation. The plate should be left undisturbed until the mycelia from two different spores or two different.



Touching inoculating loop to spore print.

points of inoculation have grown together and made contact. A few days after contact has occurred, one can be reasonably sure that somatogamy has taxen place and that a dikaryotic mycelium has been established. Since in practice one transfers clumps of spores rather than single spores onto the plate, waiting for two different inoculation spots to make contact is not really essential, by the time mycelial growth is well established on the plate, one can be confident of isolating dikaryotic mycelium.

In cultivating the fungus to the fruiting stage, one works primarily with a single strain of dikaryotic mycelium. However, because spores of several different mating types are produced by a single mushroom, a petri plate inoculated with spores will have possibly several dozen different strains of dikaryotic mycelium growing on it. It is therefore necessary to iso ate one of the strains so that one can grow out stock inocula from a single, uniform strain. This can be accomplished using a sca-pel, dissecting



Hooked inoculating loop with adhering spores.

needle or inoculating loop in which the loop has been bent to form a hook (fig. The imprement is first sterilized in an alcohol flame, then the petri plate is opened slightly and a very small piece of mycelial tissue is snagged on the end of the blade, need e or hook, and transferred rapidly and deftly to a second clean sterile petri plate containing an appropriate solid nutrient medium Dikaryotic mycelium is isolated using exactly the same techniques as are used in transferring mycelium from one petri plate to another By selecting a very small piece of tissue in this way, one can be reasonably sure that only one strain of dikaryotic mycelium is being removed. and isolated. In practice we find that both isolation of a dikaryon and plate-to-plate transfer of dikaryotic mycelium once iso ated, can be most easily accomplished using a sterile #11 scalpel Small agar squares can be cut from the edge of the mycelial thallus and



Inoculating petri plate with spores..

transferred to fresh petri dishes

The dikaryotic mycelium thus isolated from the spore-germination plate will grow outward in all directions from the point of inoculation on the new plate and should cover most of the surface of the medium within 8-12 days. One can then go ahead and make further transfers to new plates with a fair degree of certainty that one is working with a single strain of dikaryotic mycelium.

It is probably advisable to isolate several different strains of dikaryotic mycelium onto separate plates by taking tissue from different sections of the spore-germination plate. Different strains isolated from a single sporegermination plate should be identified by labels and compared for vigor of growth and vigor of fruiting ability, so that, through observation and trial-and-error, the strain showing maximum vigor in



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UNDERGROUND GARDEN

With a new baby and nosey relatives joining my household I had to move my closet garden. My only choice, besides a hot attic, was the

crawl space

First I dug a hole 4 1/2' x 4 1/2 and made if 1 1/2 deep for lots of headroom for the plants. I spread the dirt around the rest of the crawl space and then covered the entire area in plastic (That keeps you clean later) I constructed a cardboard room around the hole, sealing it with window caulking, and insta ed electrical outlets and an intake-and-exhaust fan using dryer duct hose. The light can be raised between the rafters if necessary. To water the plants I driffed a small hole through the floor of a nearby closet A 5-gallon bucket with a small hose in the bottom is hung in the closet and the hose is put through the hole in the floor. Water flows in by gravity. I have had excellent results.

My clone room is about ten feet from the flower room, in another crawl space. If I pollinate the females, will the pollen affect my clones which are growing under an 18-hour light cycle? A few clones

have pre-flowers

--The Mole Clinton, IL

The clones with no flowers cannot be pollinated. The plants which are pre-flowering might get some seeds. To decrease the possibility of pre-flowering, raise the number of hours of light the clones receive each day.

MALE FLOWERS

Two weeks from harvest we noticed seeds on the bottom half of our plants. Upon closer inspection we saw male flowers. The flowers appear just as the buds are about two weeks from harvest on otherwise female plants. What causes it and what should we do? --Mr Flower

Spokane, WA

The flowers occur normally on many plants as they reach maturity. There is nothing to be done but inspect the plants carefully on a regular basis and pick off the flowers.

These flowers may very well contain all female pollen. Seeds resulting from it may produce all

female plants.

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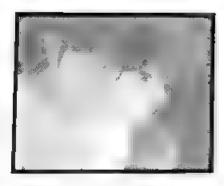
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Now the plants are dying fast. The leaves are drying up and curling down at the sides. This is affecting the plants, one after another. It happens so quickly that there is no way to revive the plants. What is

happening?

Goodspring, TX

The plants are overfertilized. When the salts from the fertilizers become more concentrated in the soil than the salt concentrations in the plants, the plants wilt as water is drawn back to the soil.

Wash the planting mix thoroughly by rinsing it in lukewarm water. This will wash away excess nutrients.

WHEN TO FLOWER

I started using rockwool and other hi-tech growing techniques and the plants grew like crazy. In six weeks the plants averaged four feet. Now I hesitate to turn down the light cycle too soon, because I always thought that age had more to do with potency than size. When should I take clones and turn the light cycle down?

--J.P Chicago, IL

Neither size nor age have much to do with potency. The maturity of the plant is the key factor. Maturity is determined by the light cycle, since flowering and bud formation occur when the lighted part of the cycle goes down to 12 hours or less.

Take the cuttings immediately and place the plants into

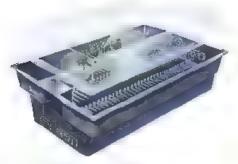
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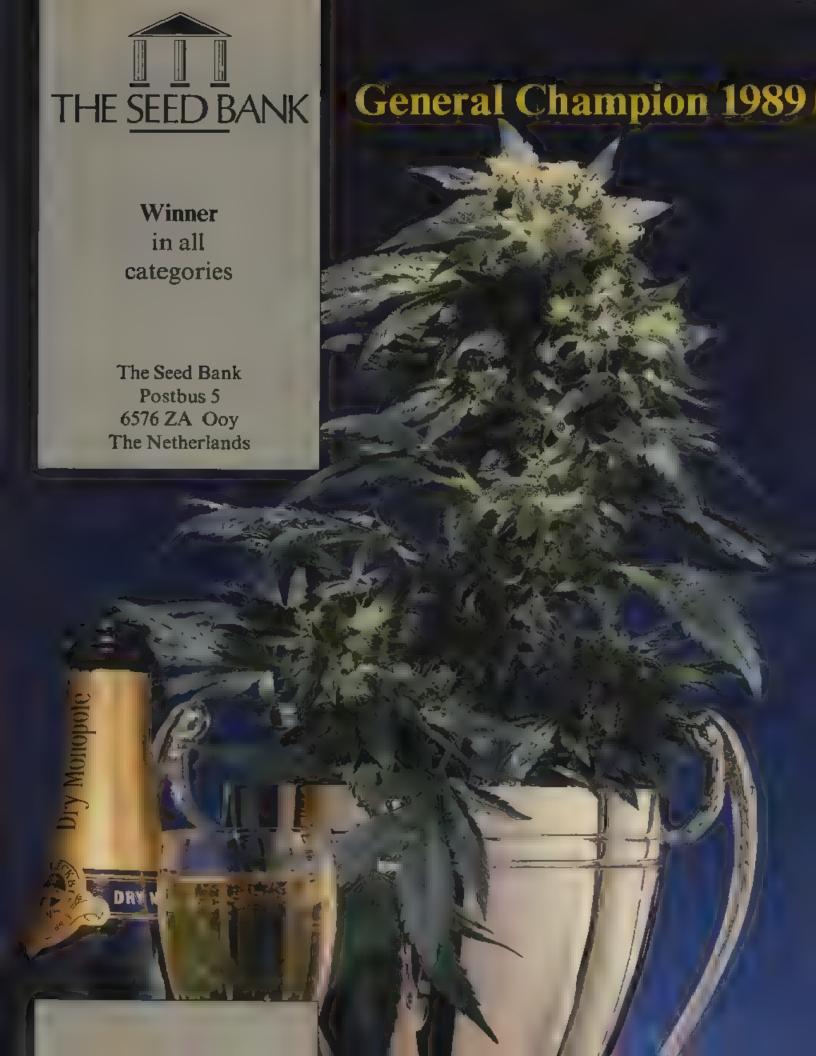


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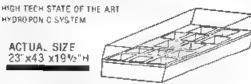
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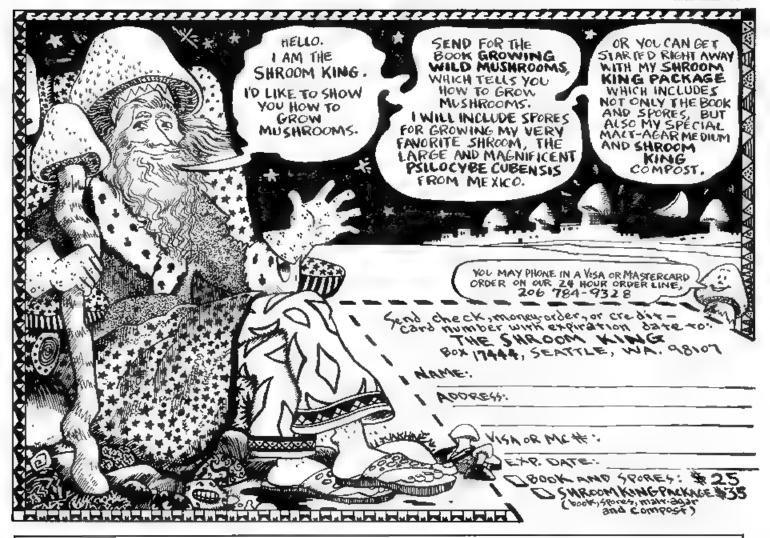
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Possession: 0-2.2 bis For Personal Use: 0-1 yr 8 \$1,000
0-2 2 liss Not For Personal Use: 2-15 yrs 8 \$25,000
2-2-2,000 liss: 3-15 yrs 8 \$25,000
Cver 10,000 liss: 3-15 yrs 8 \$250,000
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Possession/Cullivation: Lagal for personal use in horhe, Any smf for personal use not in home: 0-\$100 Public Display of up to 1 ounce or possession of 4 or more ounces: 0-90 days 8.81,000 Sale up to 1 ounce. 0-1 yr 8.51,000 Over an ounce. 0-5 yrs 8.55,000

Artrons
Possesion: up to one pound: 1.5 yrs & \$750-150,000
1-8 iss: 4 yrs & \$750-150
Bibs 7 yrs & \$750-150
Cultivation/Sale Same as possession for over 1 to.
Arizons also has provisions requiring community service and drug treatment for people comitted of any pot crims.
Laws regarding drug sales test schools eliminate any chance of parola utilitial of the sentence is served as wert as imposing a minimum \$2,000 time.

Arkaness
Possession Up to 1 ounce 0-1 yr 5 \$1,000
1 oz 10 lbs 4-10 yrs \$ \$25,000
10-100 lbs 5-20 yrs \$ \$20,000
Cvei 100 lbs 5-20 yrs \$ \$50,000
Cultivation/Sale: Up to 1 ounce: 2-10 yrs \$ \$10,000
Over an ounce same as possession charge

California Possession. Up to an ounce: 0-\$100 Over an dunce: 0-\$ mos & \$500 Cuttwatton: 16 mos-9 yrs Sale: 2-4 years

Possession. Up to an ounce in private. \$0-100 in public 0-15 days \$ \$100 is ac 0-2 yrs \$ \$500 a oz or more 1-2 yrs. Second offense possession of any amount over an ounce subsequent to a prior pot offense carries a penelty of a most 2 years. For so inquire ounces, 3-8 years \$ \$2,000-5000.

Connecticut

Connecticut
Posassalor: Up to 4 oza: 1 yr or \$1000
Over 4 oza: 0-5 yrs 8 \$2000
Culfivellor/Sate. Up to 2.2 lbs 0-7 yrs 5 \$1,000
Over 2 2 lbs. 5-20 yrs
No auspanded sentences unless a person is drug dependent

Determine: Up to 50 lbs 0-2 yrs 8, \$500 50-100 lbs; 3 yrs 8, \$500 50-100 lbs; 3 yrs 8, \$50,000 100-5,000 lbs; 3 yrs 8, \$100,000 Over 5,000 lbs; 3 yrs 8, \$100,000 Over 5,000 lbs; 15 yrs 8, \$400,000 Cultivation/Safe Up to 50 lbs; 0-10-yrs 8, \$10,000 50-100 lbs; 3-10 yrs 8, \$500,000 100-5,000 lbs; 5 yrs 8, \$100,000 Over 5,000 lbs; 15 yrs 8, \$400,000

Florida
Possession: Up to 20 grams 0-1 yr 5 \$1000
20 grams 100 fbs 0-5 yrs 5 \$5,000
100-2000 fbs: 3-30 yrs 5 \$25,000
2.000-10,000 fbs: 5-30 yrs 5 \$25,000
Over 10,000 fbs: 5-30 yrs 5 \$200,000
Over 10,000 fbs: 5-30 yrs 5 \$200,000
All other amounts. Seme penalties as for possess

Georgie
Possession Up to 1 oz 0-1 yr 8,\$1000
1 oz to 100 lbs 1-10 yrs
100-200 lbs 5-10 yrs 8,\$25,000
2000-10,000 7-10 yrs 8,\$50,000
Over 10,000 15 yrs 8,\$200,000
Cuttivation/Safe Up to 100 lbs 1-10 yrs
Alf other amounts

Mawali Possesion Up to 1 nz: 0-30 days & \$500 nz to 2.2 lbs 0-1 yr 5 \$1000 Over 2.2 lbs 0-5 yr 5 \$5000 Cuttouttom/Safe: Up to an ownce: 0-1 yr 8 \$1,000 All other amounts. Same penalty as for possession

Possession: Up to 3 oza: 0-1 yr & \$1000 Over 3 oza: 0-10 yra & \$10,000 Cuttivation/Sale Up to 3 oza: 0-5 yra & \$1,000 Over 3 oza: 0-5 yra & \$15,000

Illinois
Undeii 25 pms 0:30 deiya 3.5500
2.5:10 gms 0-5 mos 8.5500
10:30 gms 0-5 mos 8.5500
10:30 gms 3-5 mos 8.510,000
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Over 500 gms 2.5 yra 8.510,000
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0:10 yra 2.5 yra 8.510,000
10:30 gms 1:3 yra 8.510,000
30:500 gms 1:3 yra 8.510,000
Over 500 gms 3-7 yra 8.510,000

Possession: Up to 30 gms 0-1 yr & \$1,000 Over 30 gms bul fees then 10 lbs. 0-2 yrs \$ \$ 0,000 Cultivation/Sele. Same penalties as for possession

towa Possession: Any amount: 0-6 mos 5 \$2,500 Cultivation: Any amount: 0-5 y/s 5 \$2,500 Sale: Any amount: 0-5 yrs 8 \$10,000

Possession, Any amount: 0-1 yr 4 \$2,500 Cattivation: 0-1 yr 8 \$2,500 Sate: 1 10 yrs 8 \$10,000

Kéntucky Possession Lasa Ihan 6 ozs: 0-1 yr & \$500 8 oz 5-lbs: 1-5 yrs: & \$2.500 5 lbs or more: 5-10 yrs: & \$5,000-10,000 Cuthwation/Saire Penalities are the same as for possession Note: Up to four plants is treated as simple possession

Liquistana Posseasion. Under 100 lbs: 0-8 mos 8, \$500 100-2,000 lbs: 5-15 yrs 8, \$50,000 2,000-90,000 lbs: 15-25 yrs 8, \$500,000 Over 10,000 lbs: 25-35 yrs 8, \$500,000 Cultivation/Sale. Under 100 lbs: 0-10 yrs 8, \$15,000 All Other pensities axeles as for possession

Maine Possession. Any amount for personal use up to 1.5 cze:

1.5-2 lbs. 0-1 yr & \$1,000 2-1 000 lbs: 6-5 yrs & \$2,500 over 1.00 lbs: 6-6 yrs & \$3,500 Cultivation/Sale Up to 1.5 ccs 0-1 yr & \$1,000

All other penalties same as for possession

Maryland Postession/Cultivation: Any personal use amount 0-1 yr & \$1,000 Any other amount, presumed intent to distribute: 5-15 yrs & \$15,000

importation of over 100 lbs into MC: 0-25 yrs & \$50,000 Second Olfense Mandatory 2 yrs, up to 15 yrs & \$15,000

Massachusetts Possassion. Any ambuni for personal user Probation Cuttivation/Sale. 0-2 yrs & \$5,000

Posse salor: Any amount: 0-1 yr & \$1,000 Use: 0-80 days & \$100 Cullivation/Sale: 0-4 yrs & \$5,000 City of Ann Arbor: Possession under 1 oz: \$0-100

retiniesus Pošše salon. up to 15 dzs: 0-\$100 Over 15 dzs: 0-3 yra & \$3,000 Cultivation/Sale. Any amount 10-5 yra 6, \$30,000

Mississippi
Possession Up to 1 ox not in whicle \$100-250
1 gm to 1 ox in whicle 0-90 days & \$1.000
1 ox-2.2 lbs 0-2yrs & \$3.000
Over 2 2 lbs 0-20 yrs & \$1 million
Cuttivation/Sate: Up to 1 ox 0-3 yrs & \$3,000
1 ox 10 2 2 lbs 0-20 yrs & \$1 million
Cwer 2 2 lbs 0-30 yrs & \$1 million

Possesalon/Cultivation Jp to 35 gms, 0-1 yr 8 \$1,000 Ovel 35 gms, 0-5 yes 8 \$1,000 Sata Any amount 5 yes-Life Note Any marijudals offense while driving puntahed by license subpension for 1 year

Montena Possession Up to 60 gms: 0-6 mos 5 \$500 Over 80 gms: 0-50 yrs 5 \$50,000 Cultivation/Sate: 1 yr to Life 5 \$50,000

Possession: Up to 1 os: \$100 & drug ed 102-11b 0-7 days & \$500 Over 11b 0-5 yes & \$10,000 Cuttivation/Sate Any amount 0-5 yes & \$10,000

Possession Up to 1 oz by e person.
\$2,000
Up to 100 bis by an adult: probation: 6 yrs & \$5,000
0.0-2,000 lbs 3-20 yrs & \$25,000
2,000-10,000 lbs 3-50 yrs & \$50,000
Cher 10,000 lbs \$5 yrs to Life & \$200,000
Cultivation(Sale, Up to 100 lbs 1-15 yrs & \$5,000
All other penalties are the same as for possession Possession Up to 1 oz by a person under 21 0-6 yrs &

New Hampshire Possession: Up to 1 lb; 0-1 yr & \$1 000 Over 1 lb: 0-7 yrs & \$2,000 Cultivation/Saie: Any amount: 0-15 yrs & \$2,000

New Jersey
Possession, under 50 gms: 0-8 mes & \$750 & 2 yr
loss or driver's license
Over 50 gms: 0-5 yrs & \$15,000
Cultivation/Sate 0-5 yrs & \$15,000
New Jersey also has provisions for doubling penalties 1
they occur within 1,000 ft of a school, and strengthened
penalties for people that ampling minors in the drug trade.

Possession. up to 1 oz: 0-15 days & \$100 1-8 ozs -0.1 yr & \$1.000 8 oz -100 lbs -0.16 mos & \$5,000 Over 100 lbs: 3 yrs & \$5,000 Cultivation: Any amount: 9 yrs & \$10,000 Sale 1 gm: 100 lbs: 3 yrs & \$5,000 over 100 lbs: 3 yrs & \$5,000

New York Do 25 gms in grivate 30-100 25 gms 20 zr. 0-3 mos 8 \$500 24 ozs 0-1 yr 8 \$1,000 4-6 ozs 0-4 yrs 1 10 los 0-7 yrs 0-yrs 0-10 yr 8 \$1,000 4-6 ozs 0-4 yrs 1 10 los 0-7 yrs 0-1 yr 8 \$1,000 4-8 ozs 0-1 yr 8 \$1,000 6 ozs 1 lo 0-4 yrs 1 10 los 0-7 yrs 0-1 yr 8 \$1,000 6 ozs 1 lo 0-4 yrs 1 10 los 0-7 yrs 0-1 yr 8 \$1,000 25 gms 0-1 yr 8 \$1,000 25 gms 0-2 yrs 0-1 yrs 4 \$1,000 25 gms 0-2 yrs 0-1 yrs 0-1 yrs 0-1 yrs 1 los 0-1 yrs 0-1 yrs 0-1 yrs 1 los 0-1 yrs 0-1

Possession Up to 1 oz 0-30 days & \$100, suspended over 1 oz 0-2 & \$2.000 Cultivation/Sale. Penalties same as possession of over 1 oz The following mandatory minimum sentences are The relicioning manipulation maintain sentences are provided for trafflicking offenese: over 50 lbs. feasi than 100 lbs. 5 yr min over 100 lbs. feasi than 2,000 lbs. 10 yr min over 2,000 lbs., least han 10,000 lbs. 14 yr min, 20 yr max over 10,000 lbs. 35 yr min, 40 yr max.

Possession. Up to 5 oz not in vehicle. 0-30 days & \$500 Conditional
5 oz-1 oz not in-vehicle, or 6 oz in vehicle: 0-1 yr 8.\$1,000
over 1 oz 0-5 yr s 8.\$5,000
Gui tivation/dala: Any amount, 0-10 yra 8.\$10,000

Onto
Possession: Up to 100 gms \$0-100
100-200 gmm; 0-30 days 5 \$250)
200-600 gmm; 0-mos 5 yms 5 \$2,500)
Over 600 gms; 0-10 yrs 5 \$5,000)
CultivationSale. Up to 200 gms 6 mos-5 yrs 5 \$2,500
200-600 gms; 1-10 ym 5 \$5,000
Over 600 gms; 2-15 yrs 5 \$7,500

Oklahoma

Oktahoma
Possession Any amount for personal use. 0-1 w
Cultivation: Any amount: 2-10 yra & \$50,000
Sate...use then 25 lbs 2-16 yra & \$20,000
25-9.000 lbs: \$25,000-100,000
Over 1,000 lbs: \$100,000-500,000

Oregon Possession: Up to 1 oz \$0-100 over 1 oz: 0-10 yrs 8,\$2,500 Cultivasion/Sale: 0-20 yrs 8,\$100,000

Permeytrania Possession: Up to 30 gms. 0-30 days & \$500 Over 30 gms. 0-1 yr. & \$5,000 Cullivation/Sale: Any amount. 0-5 yrs. & \$15,000

Rhode Island
Posassator: Less than 1 kg: 0-1 yr 8 \$250
more than a kilo: 10 yr mandatory minimum
Currivation/Sale: Any amount: 10-30 yre & \$50,000

Bourth Carolina

Possesion: Up to 1 oz 0:30 deye 8 \$200 Over 1 oz: 0-5 yrs 8 \$5,000 Cultivation/Sale: Pensitius same as possession over 1 oz

South Dekota
Possession Up to 1 oz 0-30 days & \$100
1 oz-1 kt 0-1 yr & \$1,000
1 oz-1 kt 0-1 yr & \$1,000
0 oz-10 lbs 0-10 yrs & \$2000
Cver 10 lbs 0-10 yrs & \$10,000
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1 oz lbs 0-2 yrs & \$2,000
Cver 10 lbs 0-10 yrs & \$10,000
Note 10 lbs 0-10 yrs & \$10,000
Note Penalty for cullivation under 1 oz same as for possession under 1 oz

Tennessee
Possession Up-to-t0 lbs: 0-1 yr 8.\$1,000
Over-10 lbs: 4-10 yrs 6.\$10,000
Custreactor/See, Up-t0-5-02-0-1 yr 8.\$1,000
Soz 10 lbs: 1-5 yrs 8.\$3,000
Over-10 lbs: 4-50 yrs 8.\$10,000
Note: Cultivation cardes mandatory minimum 1 yrsentence

Taxas
Possessor: Up to 2 ozs: 0-5 mos & \$1,000
2-4 ozs: 0-1 yr & \$2,000
4 ozs: 0-1 yr & \$2,000
4 ozs: 0-10 yr & \$5,000
5-50 juls: 2-20 yr & \$10,000
Cultivation/Sels: Under 2 ozs: 0-1 yr & \$1,000
Over 2 ozs: Same penalities as for possession
Taxas also has: 1ct mandatory minimum sentences for amounts over \$0 lbs: and sale to minors.

Possession: 0-6 mos & \$300 Cultivation/Sete 0-5 yrs & \$5,000

Varment Possession: up to 5 oz 0-6 mos 8 3500 5-2 ozs: 0-3 yrs 8 \$3,000 Over 2 ozs: 0-5 yrs 8 \$5,000 Cullivation/Sele. Any amount: 0-5 yrs 8 \$5,000

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Washington
Possession Up to 40 gms. 0-90 days & \$250
Over 40 gms. 0-5 yrs & \$10,000
Cuttivation/Sale. Any amount 0-5 yrs & \$10,000

Possession. Up to 15 gms conditional discharge Over 15 gms 90 days 6 mos & \$1,000 Cuttivation/Sale Any amount 1-5 yrs & \$15,000

Possession Arry amount 0-30 days & \$500 Cultivation/Sale Any amount 0-5 yrs & \$15,000 Madison possession 0-5 00

Wyoming Possession/Cultivation Any amount 0-6 mos & \$1,000 Sale: Any amount 0-10 yrs & \$10,000



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WINTER FLOWERS

For the past few years I have grown some nice indicas during the summer months. I would like to expand this and grow year round.

We have only a few days of frost each year. What is the best way to protect my plants from the cold? Another question is what effect would the decreasing sunlight of winter have on my plants? Is it possible to grow outdoors this time of year, or is this just a dream? Thanks,

 Anonymous Salinas, CA

Marijuana is a short-day flowering plant. This means that the plant is triggered into flowering by a lengthy dark period each day. Virtually all marijuana plants trigger into flowering when they receive more than 12 hours of uninterrupted darkness each day. If a seed is germinated under this regimen, it will immediately start to flower, producing a very small bud. Older plants placed under this regimen also immediately go into flowering.

The growth and size of buds is potentiated by ample supplies of light. During the summer months the intensity of light is much greater than during the winter. This means that summer buds grow faster and larger. However, the amount of light reaching the plants on a bright winter day probably exceeds the amount they would receive from a HID (High Intensity Discharge) lamp.

The day-length also affects the size of the bud and how long it takes to mature. A plant placed into flowering in late December, when day-length is shortest, will mature quicker with smaller buds than an identical plant forced in February when the day-length is longer.

Temperature also affects plant growth. Marijuana cannot survive a freeze and is damaged by frost. Rain or high moisture encourages rot in the maturing bud. The plants can be protected from low temperatures by wrapping them in plastic at night. A small cloth, a framed plastic covering, or a cold frame can also be used.

Some growers start the plants indoors and put them outside to flower when they are 12-18 inches high. They grow no taller than 3 feet and mature in 5-8 weeks.

In the spring, after late March, day-length becomes so long that plants which have started flowering revert back to vegetative growth.

HERBICIDE RESPONSE

I'm not sure the advice given to "Stumped" (March '89) on herbicides is entirely correct. You stated that once pre-emergents like Atrazine are de-activated the field could be planted. Atrazine is not deactivated in a week. I know this as both a pot and corn grower. Atrazine, especially during dry summers, as we experienced last year, can still damage long after application. At times it can even carry over and cause damage the following season. For this reason farmers apply Atrazine only lightly the season before they rotate to a different crop

If one is growing in the corn or working in cooperation with the corn farmer these problems can be avoided. One method is to leave several small plots uncultivated and unplanted in the field. Those annoying low flying planes will assume that the small areas were too wet to plant or too untillable, unless you plant the weed too heavily. A dense pot patch has a distinctive color when viewed from a plane and corn doesn't provide the camouflage one would get growing under trees.

--Hopefully Helpful Iowa

Thanks for the correction, H.H.

SUGAR FOR POT

When commercial growers of non-marijuana plants grow albino plants they feed the leaves with a sugar solution since they cannot make sugar themselves

I think that this would speed up plant growth on marijuana plants too. It would give the plants extra energy for growth. What do you think?

-- G D.

Thief River Falls, MN

Cuttings which are given a small amount of sugar, about a teaspoon per quart, root faster and have less stress than controls. Growth of other plants would probably be speeded up, too.

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NEGATIVE ION GENERATORS

Dear Ed,

To keep the odor down, what do you recommend, a negative ion generator or a charcoal filter? How do they work?

-- Tired of High Prices
New York City

Virtually all odors consist of molecules with a positive electrical charge, which are floating in the air. They are missing an electron, and this helps them float. Negative ion generators charge air molecules with extra electrons. When these charged molecules come in contact with electron deficient molecules, the electron transfers. and the particle, now neutral, or uncharged, precipitates from the air, landing on a surface. As the particles drop from the air, odors are eliminated. Negative ion generators are very effective at removing odors. They use very little power and are installed by plugging them in.

Charcoal filters chemically remove odor-causing particles from the air. Air is drawn through activated charcoal which has a high capacity to absorb the impurities from the air. They usually are equipped with either a negative ion generator or electrostatic precipitator, which electrically remove the charged particles. They are also very effective, but much more expensive than ion generators.

THREE LEAVED REEFER

Dear Ed.

I grow 20-30 plants outdoors every year and have for about 10 years. Almost every year a few of the plants have a weird shaped stem and grow three leaves at each internode instead of two. When the plants are three feet tall the stem separates into two, each of which grow only two leaves. What causes this?

--H.B. Clinton, IL This is probably a genetic variation. It is usually associated with Colombian and other equatorial sativas
Because the trait is uncommon it seems that the gene involved is probably recessive, which means that the plant will not show the trait from both parents. Two plants, a male and a female, which both show the trait, if crossed, would produce only plants with this characteristic.

CONTAMINATED POT

Dear Ed

I've heard reports that marijuana bought from street dealers are sometimes treated with angel dust (PCP), paraquat or other dangerous chemicals.

How can you recognize or test pot for such chemicals?
--A Concerned Citizen
White Plains, NY
It is unlikely that PCP would be sprayed on marijuana to increase its potency since PCP is more expensive than marijuana. All plant parts sprayed with paraquat dessicate quickly and are unlikely to be marketed.

As with most commercial crops, the plants are most likely to be contaminated with pesticides. This applies to both domestic and imported pot. Very dangerous pesticides can be bought over the counter at nurseries and garden supply shops. Any pesticide which does not mention vegetables but only uses for ornamentals, is unregistered for crop use. Yet there is no practical way of determining whether or not they have been used on food crops. Third world countries are even worse. Pesticides not allowed to be used in the US are sold in the bazaars and stores in these countries. The pesticides are used without regulation on all crops. The poisons are sometimes used in much larger concentrations than those recommended by the manufacturer.

There are no home tests for vegetable contamination. The only way to be assured of non-contaminated pot is to have direct knowledge of the growing techniques used to grow a specific batch.

BACTERIAL AND VIRAL DISEASE

Dear Ed,

I have been able to find very little literature on viral and bacterial diseases to which cannabis is susceptible.

I just wasted 2 1/2 months treating 60-odd plants in various mediums for deficiencies, fungus infestations, low humidity, and anything else I could think of in an outrageously successful garden

The plants were chloritic, necrotic, old and new leaves were yellow, bronze, maroon to black, grey. Old leaves invariably died. Growth was stunted and slow. There were no insects in the room.

I treated the plants with Captan, Maneb, and copper sulphate with no success

The marijuana literature completely overlooks viral and bacterial ailments. I took the advice from straight agricultural literature. The plants looked like they had tobacco mosaic virus, but this organism is specific to nightshade family plants such as tobacco, tomato, and cucumber. They advised to destroy all infected plants and medium and clean thoroughly with cholorine bleach. What was it and can it be treated without destroying the plants?

Sincerely
-- The Burning Bush Ganja
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encountered them.

GREEN ROCKWOOL

My rockwool cubes have some sort of green growth covering them. What should I do about it?
--Chris

Van Nuys, CA

Algae are growing on your cubes which provide a perfect environment for them: moisture, nutrients and light. The algae do use some nutrients, but the main problem is that they deplete the oxygen in the root area during the dark cycle.

To prevent algae from growing, cover the root cubes with an opaque surface: possibly mylar, aluminum foil, or white or black plastic.

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both respects can eventually be identified and used exclusively thereafter Isolating the most vigorous strain takes time and careful observation; however, this need not interfere with continuing on to the second and third steps of the process, since any dikaryotic mycelium that has been properly isolated from other strains should exhibit fruiting ability. After several strains have been put through several fruiting stages in should be apparent which strain is most vigorous. Our observations indicate that the most vigorous fruiting strains have a distinctly "ropy" morphology when growing in the mycelial stage. This stands to reason, since this ropy appearance is due to the formation of rhizoids, thick strands of hyphae, which are similar in structure to the rhizoids formed prior to and during the fruiting stage. Those rhizoids function in the transport of water and nutrients to the developing mushrooms (see Chang & Hayes, 1978, Chapter 8).

If one has fresh mushroom specimens, it is possible to employ another method of isolating dikaryotic mycelium without utilizing spores. This is the method of subcutaneous isolation (Enos, 1970). The operation should be performed with clean hands and implements. A pair of latex gloves sterilized by spraying with Lysol should be worn. Hold the fresh mushrooms by the stipe in one hand, and with the other hand swab the cap surface lightly with a sterile cotton swab dampened with fincture of lodine. Have ready a clean #11 scape) and an alcohol lamp to sterilize it. Grasp the cap of the mushroom, top up, between the thumb and fingers until it splits open to reveal the interior whitish flesh. Flame the scalpel and remove a small piece of this subcutaneous flesh and transfer it to a sterilized nutrient plate. Several inoculations can be made from the interior flesh of a single cap. Since the flesh of the mushroom has been woven together out of dikaryotic mycelium, it will grow out across the plate in the same manner as mycelium isolated from a spore-germination plate. This procedure eliminates the step of having to isolate different dikaryotic strains, since mycelium isolated in this manner consists of only one strain. On the other hand, this procedure limits one to working with only one strain .

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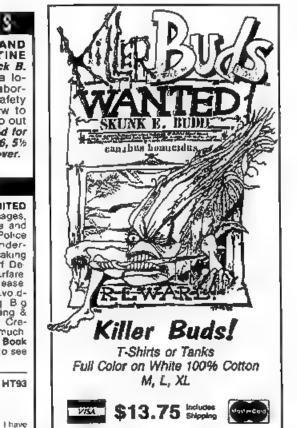
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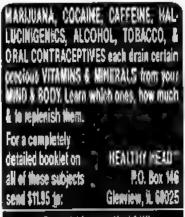
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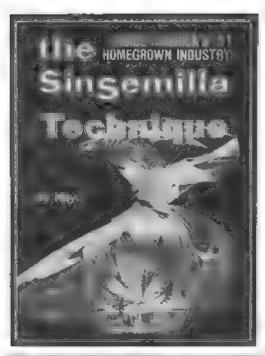
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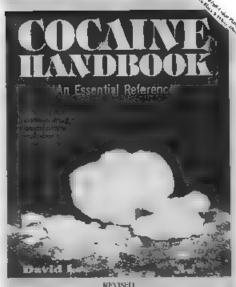
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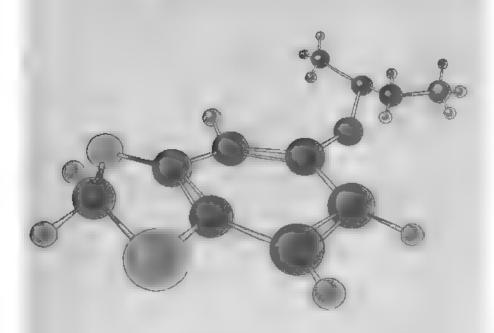
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I have an Indian variety of my own breeding which is now in its twelfth generation. It has several unique traits, one being the first true set of leaves usually have three fingers rather than one. My observations have shown that these plants have thicker stems, closer internodes, fatter buds, sweeter taste, and are more potent than those which produce a single leaflet as their first true leaf

An occasional plant carries the pattern even further. These plants are extremely indica, with the center leaflet usually being over 2 inches

I think that these plants are polyploid because they do not produce seed when they are pollinated with pollen from normal plants. I hope to get lucky enough to someday have a male and female polyploid at the same time

I would like to know if any of your readers have ever observed plants whose first set of leaves had three leaflets and what their conclusions

When planting, I soak seeds a few hours in fish tank water, pat them dry with a paper towel, roll them around in Rootone and place the seed containers in a plastic bag with several apples. Luse the fish tank water until the third leaf set appears

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--Cat Buds North East, MD

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chromosomes (diploid), one set from each parent. Polyploids result because chromosomes fail to separate during reduction division when reproductive cells are formed (meiosis). As a result, reproductive cells with two chromosomes occur. Normally, each reproductive cell (pollen or ovule) has only one half of each pair of chromosomes. When the two triploid plants are crossed, the resulting plants have four

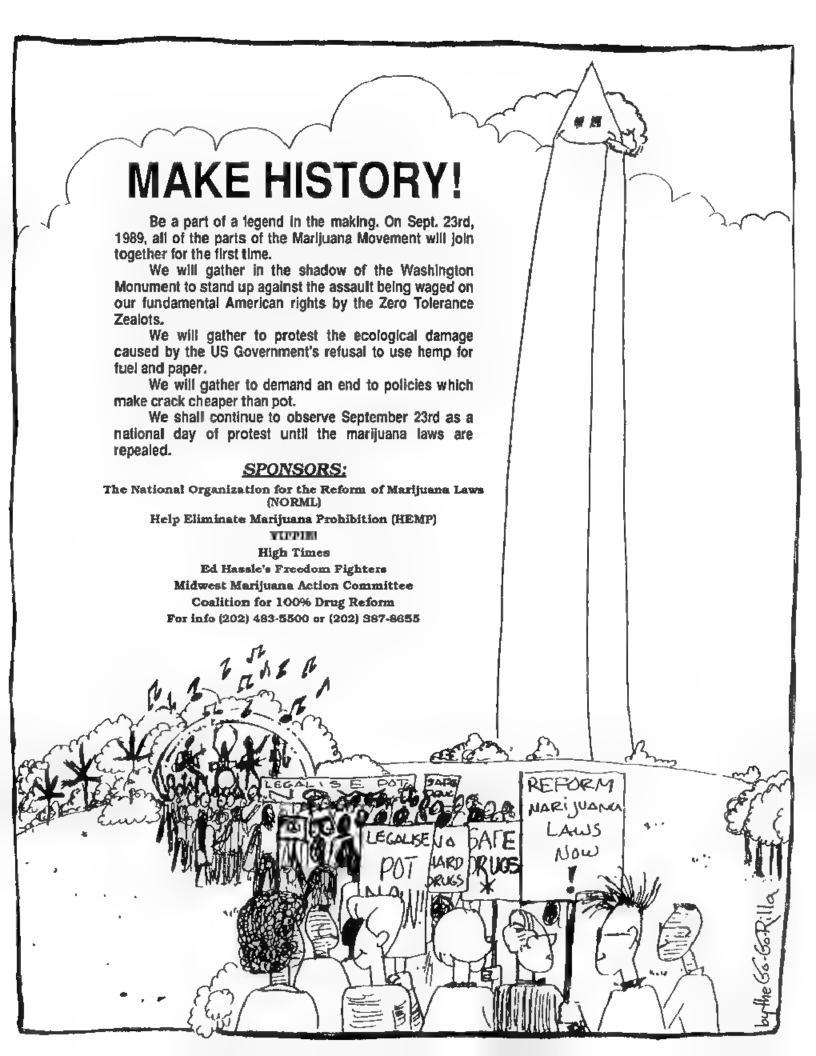
sets (tetraploid).

For each gene, a triploid plant has three versions, one on each chromosome. A single version of a gene, such as is found on a single chromosome, is called an allele. Each gene affects a particular characteristic. For instance, the gene for height seems to be partially dominant. A hybrid between a short type and a tall type plant is usually intermediate between the two. The Seed Bank had a dwarf Mexican which grew only two feet tall, while its normal non-dwarf sister and brother grew to six feet. The height of the progeny was half-way between the two types.

A triploid plant with one dwarf allele and two normal ones would probably reach the size of the dwarf plant plus 2/3 of the difference between the normal plant's height and the dwarf -about 4 2/3 feet high. Two of the alleles would produce enzymes to grow normal plants. A triploid with two dwarf alleles would be the height of the dwarf plant plus 1/3 of the height of the normal one - about 3 1/3 feet high.

Recessive characteristics are more likely to be masked by normal chromosomes in polyploid than in diploid plants, since only one normal allele out of three is required to produce dominant characteristics. The chance of a recessive characteristic indicating is greatly reduced.

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and, ultimately, of the plant. Your plants may be polyploids, because they are infertile with normal males. When plants have different numbers of chromosomes they are not sexually compatible. Diploid, triploid and tetraploid plants cannot reproduce with each other, only with a plant having the same number of chromosomes.

REPELLING WORMS AND BORERS

To repel worms (actually moth caterpillars) I bought cedar chips and let them simmer in a pot of water for ten minutes. After the water cooled, I sprayed it on all the plants in my garden. It repels them all from cutworms to bud worms The plants should be sprayed every other day --DS

Little Rock, AR

Thanks for the tip. Readers have also reported success using cedar blocks and chips placed around the garden. They seem to stay effective for quite a while. Other growers have reported success using mothballs, which have also been reported to repel deer.

TASTE FOR IMPORTS

I m an American smoker but I still toke only imported weed because I'm a die-hard pure sativa fan.

American growers now use chemical growth aids and other crap to produce their crop so I refuse to smoke what they claim is primo bud. As far as I'm concerned indica strains are a joke

I may have to pay a little more for my sativa buzzy material, but at least I get true organic grown, fully mature buds.

I have had excellent quality Panama Red, Jamaican Green and killer golden Thai every month since the late '70s

The sinsemilla hype is to blame for a lot of the people not seeing any of the truly high quality marijuana that still exists in foreign countries near the equator -- Viva Sativa

Lakewood, OH

The Idea that imports from third world countries are grown

organically, without the use of herbicides, pesticides or chemical fertilizers is absurd. In tropical climates virtually all of the nutrients are held by the living plants above ground. All warm climate soils have a very thin layer of topsoil. They contain much less organic matter and lack the rich nutrient value of northern soils which have a thick layer of topsoil. When the cycle of plant growth in warm soils is disturbed by clearing the ground, virtually all of the nutrients are removed. In order to grow crops, nutrients, in the form of chemical fertilizers are added or plant growth will be madequate.

The metabolism of insects and other cold-blooded creatures increases with higher temperatures. They are more voracious and multiply faster than at lower temperatures. Rather than using the arduous methods associated with biological control, these pests are eliminated with powerful insecticides, many of which are banned in the US. Weeds are eliminated with a few sprays of herbicide.

The idea that the chemical technologies are not available to third world countries is naive. Remember Bhopal, India? The insecticide factory owned by a subsidiary of Union Carbide blew up.

In Jamaica, most of the growers use modified strip and burn techniques. The land is cleared, and the seed planted. The first year the crop uses up most of the nutrients. The rest of the topsoil is washed away with the winter rains. The second year growth is lackluster as the plants remove any residual nutrients. Third year growth, if the ground is used, is stunted. Generally, buds the first year are moderate sized and smaller each year thereafter. Some growers there use fertilizers and prolong the productivity of the land as well as producing larger buds.

American sativa sinsemilla is available and if it is grown well, it is much more potent than the imports. Most growers have two major problems growing sativa. First, many of the pure equatorial strains take a very long time to mature. Secondly they need very

bright light to fill out into lush buds. The waning light of autumn in northern areas or indoor artificial lights cause the buds to run.

In order to overcome these difficulties, growers and the seed companies have developed F1 hybrids as well as new strains which have sativa-like smoking characteristics but indica-like growth habits. Some of these strains are among the most potent and pleasant highs available on the market.

Unlike legal industries in which markets are controlled by a few companies, the marljuana industry is a true unregulated market in which the price is determined strictly by supply and demand. The price is determined by the invisible hand of the market. Generally, *Indica-sativa* hybrids and strains sell for the most money, indicating that they are in greatest demand.

TWISTED TOPS

Some of my seedlings had twisted leaves at the top. The problem seemed solved when I transplanted When I placed the plants in flowering it started again. The resulting buds were looser than normal. What was the matter?

--Twisted Grey Matter.

Weed, CA

The plants were suffering from a zinc deficiency.



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RASTA RECIPES

T's around five o clock in the afternoon on a hot summer day in the city. I'm walking up to the subway at Grand Central Station biasted out of my mind on some killer Indica bud. Alof a sudden I spy a "message" TAGGED across a stop ght box that reads. "Yo What side Jp CHEF RA?" Just seein that one of my feilow brothers and sisters was trying to reach out and say "Hey" made me feel good. This made me think, "Chef Rallyou got to make it out of the city out to the river it's time for a Catf sh Rodeo! So jumped on the train and headed out of the city."

This summer is an important culturar political mirestone marker for me because it is the twentieth anniversary of the Woodstock experience. The path to the truth has never been the same since I smoked that rather rarge Pink Joint on that Fateful Day in Augusti

want to reach out to all the HIGH TIMES people out there and say "Hey Yo, everything significant be a right." But first think we need a <u>break</u> from the Babylon an Bullshit scene. So come on down by the river with Chef Railso we can retrect on the

world we five in, It's time for the "Catfish Rodeo," so come, my Children, so we can sit in the Garden again!

I know that all of you are not into fishing but catrishin can teach you many things. When you sit by the river bank you realize that in life, there are many paths to the truth as there are many rivers to ONE SEA!" There are many different kinds of people who showed up to fish with me on this year's Calfish Rodeo. And I realized as well all sat there with different ines in the water. we still were fishin for the same and Food. A lot us are from different colors, cultures. and countries, but we're after the same. thing-food for the beily and food for thought! It seems, ke a simple concept to grasp, but still we tight over what makes usid fferent. from one another (religion politics sex race. Remember, there are many new and different ways to catch a cathsh. And in this "time" we need to find new solutions to age-old problems with new ways of thinking We need to drop those things which tend to seek divisions between us, as opposed to unity among us

The Catfish Rodeo taught us many things this year. We banded together and there was plenty of food for all to eat. When we stopped fishing together, there was uttle to eat for any of us, we got hungry Let's a keep catfishin' in the river of Life, 'cause Chef Ra doesn't want to see nobody goin hungry in the bely or the mind.

CHEF RA's Magic Good Morning Eggs Two Ways

3 eggs and 2 slices tomato

1/2 onion (green onion)

1/2 clove chopped fresh garlic

3 chopped mushrooms (you might want to try "magic")

1 slice cheddar cheese

1/2 teaspoon mik

1 small tight, green, sinse bud

1 tablespoon butter

Mix 3 eggs, tomato, onion, garlic, mushrooms (magic mushrooms give Chef Ra eggs that "mmm-good" flavor) and mix into cup and stir. Heat tablespoon of butter in separate pan or cup. Heat butter, with a nice bud grounded up in it, for about 15 minutes under low heat. Don't burn the butter. Pour the "Puna Butter" into the egg mixture. Add a since of cheese to the egg and cook until done. What a way to start your day. The Chef Ra way!



Preparing for fishin' in the river of life.



On the way to the Catfish Rodeo!



Monique bakes at least once a week. Hash and grass cakes are distinguished by shape and decoration.

Cannabis Cup Extra! Monique's Hash Cakes

My friend Anthony took me to Du Hazard Coffeesnop in Breda, Amsterdam, announcing, "This will be our headquarters!" Inside, I was greeted by a large, unfriendly, brack dog, the shop's owner, Rene, and an employee, Monique, who appeared



Mixing the batter.

to be very friendly, and offered me a plece of hash cake. Anthony and I simultaneously thought of shooting her for the Ultimate Party Magazine cover. What was the angle? Baking hash cake, of course!

Well, I gotta say--that rady could bake! The grass cakes smelled like heaven. She iced some cakes with yellow, red and green stripes, others she covered in rich chocolate and garnished with tiny confectionary mushrooms!

We were supposed to wait until the next day to photograph the cakes... Nanh, too hard! We sacrificed one on the spot!

So we took the picture (you can see it on the cover). Monique tooked great. We ate more cake after the photo shoot. The rest we took with us to the 2nd Annual Awards Dinner, to everyone's delight.

While Monique wouldn't divulge any of her recipes for hash cakes, she did tell us the amounts of cannabis products she uses.



Monique takes five.

Cake mix for eight people (you can use boxed brands):

If making grass cake for eight 35 grams (1 oz. 7 grams) If making hash cake for eight 7 grams (1/4 oz.)

In Holland, pot sells for only \$1 a gram, while hash costs about \$5 a gram. In Holland, a whole cake will only set you back about \$35 001 -FF

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HOUND'S EYE

THESE BLUES ARE GIVIN' ME THE BLUES Sometime in the late '70s, suffering from post-punk burnout, I began writing about blues and R&B artists. At that time not too many people cared save a few hardcore geeks and collectors. There wasn't one Elmore James or Jimmy Reed LP in print and seeing guys like Johnny Shines and Lightnin' Hopkins play to empty clubs seemed like a crime. Longing for the day when people might appreciate the fact that not only did every rock guitar player get their shit from these old coots but the old coots still did it better was pretty depressing Now that the second great white blues revival is upon us (first one was the folk/h ppre GWBR of the '60s' things are still depressing but in a different way

Everything Elmore James and Jimmy Reed ever did is now available on LP and CD, not to mention things I'd have never dreamed of--boxed sets, CDs, 45s from the UK, Germany, Japan, Holland, and the US, documenting the careers of such unheralded greats as Rabbit Brown, Long. John Hunter, Washington Phillips, etc., etc. and for this I'm mighty happy. There is the Louisiana Jazz and Hentage Festival every year in New Orleans--Woodstock with American Express Gold Cards, where a ha f-m II on upscale folk shimmy to Boozoo Chavis and Shooks Eag in--and the Chicago Blues Fest where a crowd the size of downtown Newark converges on Lake. Mich gan to hear Bo Diddley and Sunnyland Slim I'm happy that these guys are finally getting a decent payday, and I'm pleased as piss that I can have all the records I can stand to listen to until I go broke and have to sell 'em all to a Japanese businessman to pay the rent, but the sight of Lee Atwater and his horde of yuppie to lowers crowding around Albert Collins gives me a dead cat feeing in my guts.

First off, there's not much good music coming out of all this. The slick, horn-heavy B.B. King influenced bar band sound proneered by Alligator records and Robert Cray is a far cry from what I'd call nasty blues. Just as blues artists adapted to the hippie audiences of the '60s to survive (for example, such atrocities as Muddy Waters' Electric Mud), competing in this market compels a bluesman to gear his attack to cajun-food-eating Investment bankers. Robert Cray is the perfect Reagan/Bush era blues artist: clean cut, sterile, non-offensive to the most Republican of palates, he reminds me of Wynton Marsalis in the jazz field. He's got the looks, the talent, the ability to deal with the ins and outs of success, everything but soul. I know this has nothing to do with music, but did you

ever notice how small his ears are? How can he hear anything?

Nowadays, NYC where I live has about two dozen "blues" bars and I fail in periodically if there's somebody I want to see In these dumps I can't help but notice the condescending attitude of the new yuppified blues crowd. The sight of some pasty-faced geek waving a dollar bill at A bert Co lins whining "play them blooze" was enough to make me reach for my weapon, but Coll ns beat me to it by turning his amp up to 10 and clearing the house The officially sanctioned racism of Republican America has put blues performers on a level somewhere around Stepin' Fetchit, at least in the rose-colored view of a large portion of the audience

For example, check out the cover of the new LP from Little Ed & his Blues Imperials—Chicken, Biscuits and Gravy (Alligator). Let me first say that Ed, a disciple and nephew of the ate J B. Hutto, is one of the few popular bluesmen whose music hasn't been whitewashed or glossed up. He plays dirty, nasty, out-of-tune side guitar with lots of grease and volume and not a hint of polish. Getting back to the cover, there's young Ed, eyes bulging, big white teeth grinning that familiar grin Familiar from Shirley Temple movies. They

might as well have had him pose with a big slab of watermeion in his hands

The most disgraceful example I remember in recent months was when the Letterman show went to Chicago for a week and hired some real live blues men for Paul and his lame band of hacks to jam with so they could you know, get in touch with their roots. There sat James Cotton, last of the great harp men, former Sun records artist, former Muddy Waters sideman, and the camera would cut back to him smiling after. any of Dave's self-serving attempts at humor, the camera pointing him out, as if to hang a sign over his head that said SM LING COON If Dave Letterman and Paul Shaffer gave a fuck about James Cotton why didn't they plug his new record or let him b ast through his amazing rendition of "Rocket 88"?

Listen, I'm not saying overtireverence to these guys is going to make things better. Blues oughtable fun. God knows, you're supposed to be drunk to play it (or listen to it in a bar), and I'm not saying those in a large tax bracket don't have the right to listen to whatever the hell they please.

What's called for sab Jesman with balls, great big ones. Dirty, nasty Devil's music from a part of town where they don't take American Express. A blues equivalent of the Stooges, or at least the Sex Pisto's somebody who doesn't mind pissing on a pair of top siders, turning up the amps and sending the Lee Atwaters fleeing back to their condos, ears bleeding.

Bitch, Bitch, Bitch some folks are never happy and I guess I'm one of em. But I can dream can't I?



Robert Cray: Notice his ears.

HOOCH HARRIS ELLIOTT HARRIS





Barroom brawls are not good SALOON ETIQUETTE.

Seems the gang at HIGH TIMES was looking for someone to write a column about booze. "Hot damn," I said, "it's about time you mugs did something concerning my favorite pastime." Then they said, "Good. We want you to write it!" and I said "WHHAA-AAT??"

Now, don't get me wrong. I don't drink any more or less than the next guy. And you should see how the staff at HT can toss em down. It's just that they go back to my bartending days, and they figured I'd know a

thing or two about the subject

don't know how alia ya'll may cast an eye on alcohol, so I'll start where I started Back in the late '60s, anything stronger than Bali Hai was considered bad taste. I mean most of us young vipers* hid our alcohol. consumption from our FRIENDS as opposed to our parents. Our parents, considering what was going on then, breathed a sigh of relief if we came home smelling like a brewery. But greet your pais with whiskey on your breath and you might as well have your mail delivered to the leper COLONY

Things eased up, as the favorite saying not too much later was, "LSD holds you up while you're getting very drunk." And, let's

face it, when you re at a house party and run out of been do you assign the designated driver to run out and buy another case with the money you all pitched in, or do you drink the poor host's parents' vodka?

Needless to say it was smooth sailing for Mrs. Harris' little brown boy from then on I'm not going to borely all with tares of debauchery in stuff I'm supposed to be enlightening you. Besides, I'm sure some of you have more hair raising stories to tell than I could even make up. No, my first diatribe is going to be SALOON ETIQUETTE

I realize some of you don't drink in bars or just plain won't. But, sooner or later, you may find yourself in one and I don't want you to make a COMPLETE fooi of yourself Don't augh TOO many people do I hang my head as I write this I was once a Tavem Tyro myself. So here are some tips on public tipping

RULE #1- Always have your money ready Make sure when you order your drink(s) that you have ample lack in your mitts by the time the bartender comes back with your hooch. To a bartender, there is nothing more exasperating than waiting on some clown to dig up his or her moola while he or

she could be further down the mahogany. making more bread. This and the next rule

can insure prompt service RULE #2- Tip!!! As a kid I could never understand why it took so long for the bartender to get to my end of the bar. And it seemed when he DID, he had this look on his face I ke I d farted or something. It was much later, I'm sorry to say, when I myself was ben nd the stick that I learned why A bartender makes \$20 to \$30 per shift PER SHIFT | For those of you born yesterday this means PER DAY, Now you try staying stoned and paying rent and eating on thirty beans a day tops and you'l understand why T I.P S. means To Insure Prompt Service, if you're not planning to be a regular but think you'll spend some time in the dive, tip the poor coolie after each round. Even if you are planning to be a regular (nice juke box, nice babes, reliable connection), do the same at first 'til you and the .nn keeper get to know each other. Then you can tip at the end of your shift. RULE #3- Get to know the bartender's name. Do you like being called "Pal" or "Buddy" or, even worse, "YO:"?? Hell. not And neither does a barkeep. When the bar's pretty packed and you've just walked in, sat down at the far end of the bar and called your pal's name, believe me, he/she heard you Bartenders have this uncanny sense when it comes to a voice they recognize as a polite, prompt, generous patron. Don't be surprised if your bartender skips over a few rail birds to tend to you first. Then again, don't be surprised if he or she doesn't. There are other polite, generous mugs in the world. And some of them drink in your bar-RULE #4- WAIT YOUR TURN Like I said, there are other plat num souls who may drink in your par. So don't feel put down if the innkeeper can't make it to you immediately. You must keep in mind a bartender is much like a kindergarten teacher when it comes to dealing with the public. A bartender's public is MOSTLY DRUNKII When one is behind the stick, one must be a psych atrist/court rester/marshall/diplomat at the drop of a glass. A lot of times, he or she can't just run up to you and wait on you! ke you were the only one in the joint. So wait your turn. He or she knows you're there. And be nice when they get there

Other than these few tips, I can't think of much else. except the golden rules of fighting, spitting (I mean, RHEE- ly) and maybe wenching. Don't get me wrong--back in the old days when folks drank warm beer (more on this in a future column), wenching just came with the program, y'know??? But,

this is the '80s. Jim.

I do want to mention one other thing Something maybe your to ks taught you long ago: PLEASE and THANK YOU work wonders with a bartender. You don't have to be a sissy about it. No matter how you say it, it never falls to pop a bartender's eyes

Now that we got that out of the way, next month, we'll get down to BASICS. •

VIPER MARIJJANA SMOKER

ULTIMATE PARTY *

by BUFORD BOSKO



A lot of great letters and cards have been delivered to the NORMLTHON, but one in particular really blew us away. A box of "fireworks" arrived in an overnight package. When I opened up the box, there were three huge, thick wads of dollar bills inside, along with several photographs, hundreds of Top 100 ballots, and a letter from Dennis and Dave, organizers of the NORML



Dear Ed.

You and the staff and NORMLTHON organ zers are doing one heil of a job, thanx! My roommate and I decided to give you a hand. We donated one half-ounce, a quarter-ounce, an eight-of-an-ounce, and one gram of resin heaven hash as first, second, third and fourth place prizes in a raffle for NORML. We were motivated by the May '89 ssue, which stated the University of Minnesota held a NORML party and raised \$100.00. We knew that would be a cinch to pull off!

Well, the total is in Altogether \$300,00 was raised I just wanted to thank "Mickey the Rat" for he ping with the prizes

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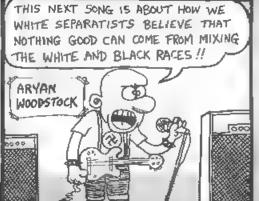
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From the great state of intoxication, Alaska. Dave Pope

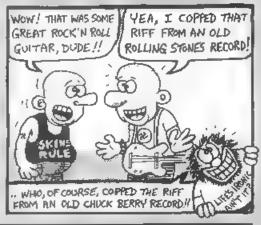


Dave's given us an idea! How would you like your next big party or fundraiser to be "The Ultimate Party"? Just send the details of your bash or blast to us, and if it looks and sounds like a good time, we'll make it our "Party of the Month"! Send any photos (with written permission from anyone in the photo to publish their picture!) and a description of all the fun that went down to: THE ULTIMATE PARTY, c/o HIGH TIMES, 211 East 43rd St., New York, NY 10017. (All entries will become the property of HIGH TIMES magazine, so don't expect to get the photos back—sorry!)

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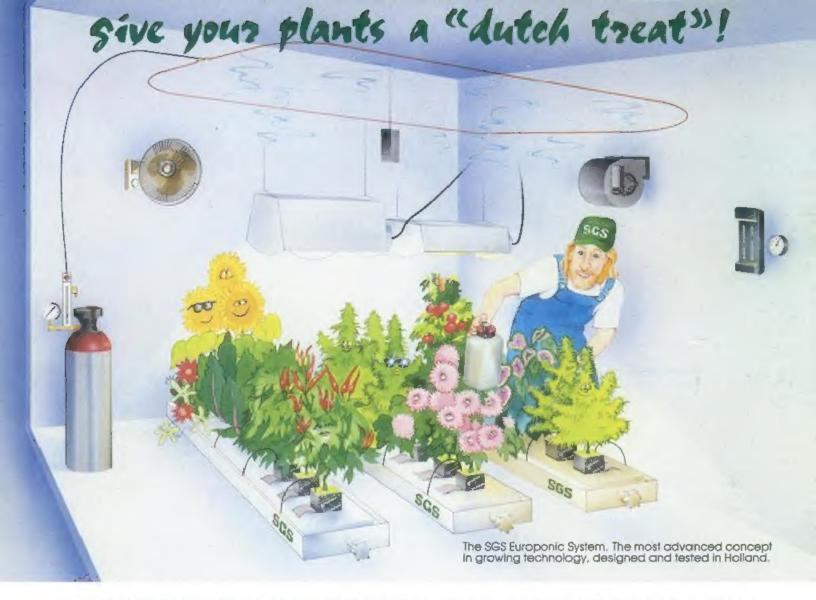
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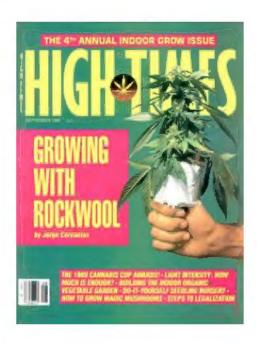






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